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# Talks with PLO will continue: Baker

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The United States is not prepared to break off its dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization, despite urging by Israel to do so.

**Secretary of State James Baker indicated, however, that attacks on Israeli military or civilian targets, inside or outside of Israel, would deeply trouble the Bush administration.**

The state department apparently has decided that a clash between Israeli troops and Palestinian infiltrators recently did not fit that category.

The Israel embassy in Washington appealed to the United States to break off contacts established with the PLO on Dec. 15 by former Secretary of State George Shultz (CJN Feb. 16).

The state department remained non-committal over whether the incident breached the agreement reached with the PLO last year.

Baker, speaking to reporters aboard his Air Force jet, was making his first public comment on the issue. He said the department was still in the process of gathering information about the episode.

**"And we are not prepared to say at this time that this constitutes an action by the PLO which would cause us to break off the dialogue."**

He added, "We made the point that actions such as this, directed against civilian or military targets inside or outside of Israel, was something that gave us trouble."

The Israelis claimed the PLO violated its commitment to Shultz to renounce terrorism.

They cited what they said was an attempted terrorist infiltration of Israel by members of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Israeli forces killed five of them in the southern Lebanon security zone. Equipment and documents found with the bodies showed their mission was to attack targets in Israel, the Israelis said.

Although Habash broke with PLO chief Yassser Arafat in 1974, he is still a member of the PLO's executive committee.

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**The Israeli cabinet has dismissed as "propaganda" remarks attributed to Arafat that he was having "indirect contacts with Israeli government officials."**

The story originated from Cairo, where the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman met Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

In an interview published in the Rome daily Il Messaggero, Arafat claimed the PLO had continuing secret contacts with Israeli officials.

Economics and Planning Minister Yitzhak Moda'i denied the story. "It is not true. The question was just asked in the government meeting. It was denied as propaganda which has no grounds to stand on."

**Seen at the Jewish Cultural Centre's recent opening are (from left) Mary Mosser, political counsellor for the Canadian embassy in Moscow; Senator Nathan Nurgitz; Vernon Turner, Canadian ambassador to the Soviet Union; his wife, Beryl, and Jack Silverstone, CJC national executive director.**

*CJC officials see hope for Jews*

# Culture centre a new start

By BELINDA SILBERMAN

MONTREAL —

Last week's historic opening of a Jewish cultural centre in Moscow (CJN Feb. 16) signals a great deal of promise for the future of Jewish life in the Soviet Union, says a Canadian Jewish Congress official.

"The opening of the centre is an important step in establishing Jewish life in the USSR after many decades of repression and suppression," said Jack Silverstone, the CJC's national executive director.

**"However, the issue of longterm Refuseniks remains although the numbers are greatly reduced." At least 300 Refusenik families are still trying to get exit visas, he said.**

Silverstone, along with Senator Nathan Nurgitz, of Winnipeg, attended the centre's gala opening on Feb. 12. Also present from Canada were a number of businessmen, including Paul Klein, of Guelph, Ont., who is an executive member of the CJC's Ontario Region.

Nurgitz said he and others were "moved to tears" by the unprecedented event which attracted an estimated 500 people and hundreds of others who had to be turned away for lack of space.

**The 2-storey centre — a former Yiddish theatre located on Taganka Square in an older residential and shopping district on Moscow's downtown edge — is named after Soviet Yiddish actor Solomon Mykhoels who was murdered during the Stalin purges in 1948.**

"It seemed to me it was the first time people had seen open and active Jewish cultural activity in the Soviet Union in more than 70 years," Nurgitz said of the centre's opening.

However, the 54-year-old former criminal lawyer said many Soviet Jews were pessimistic, claiming the centre would be just another facade for Jewish culture.

"I think you have to give it more of a chance than that," Nurgitz told The CJN.

"I think you have to wait and see what's going to happen."

**Many Soviet Jews and Refuseniks attended the opening, along with officials from the Canadian, American, Dutch, French and the United Kingdom embassies in Moscow.**

The crowd, packing a 350-seat theatre on the centre's 2nd floor, was addressed by foreign ambassadors, who brought greetings from their respective countries, Silverstone said.

Arye Levine, head of the Israeli consular delegation to Moscow, also delivered a moving message from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

"The revival of the culture of the Jewish people, its literature, its art and the Hebrew language is a sign

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# *U.S. Jewish leaders praise Quayle speech*

PALM BEACH (JTA) —

American Jewish leaders were unequivocal in their praise of Vice-President Dan Quayle's speech recently, in which he affirmed America's lasting commitment to Israel's security and the Bush administration's deep suspicion of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

**Their statements, however, took no notice of his assertion, with reference to Palestinian casualties in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, that Israel must be judged by higher standards than prevail in the region, and that the status quo in the territories is "clearly unacceptable."**

The vice-president spoke in Palm Beach at a meeting of the national executive committee of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Burton Levinson, the ADL's national chairman, called his speech "an early statement by the Bush administration of continuing U.S. commitment to the longstanding principles of American Middle East policy."

Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said, "We welcome Vice-President Quayle's unequivocal affirmation of support for Israel. We support his statement on American policy toward the PLO."

**The speech was Quayle's maiden appearance before a major Jewish group since his swearing-in on Jan. 20.**

He dwelt on the most immediate aspects of the Middle East situation — the Palestinian uprising and the U.S. dialogue with the PLO.

**"Those who believe that American policy is about to undergo a basic shift merely because we have begun to talk with the PLO are completely mistaken," Quayle said.**

He said there "are many reasons for looking long and hard" at PLO chief Yasser Arafat's acceptance of American conditions for initiating the dialogue, "before drawing any firm conclusions.

"We need more than press conference statements and semantics. We need to see real evidence of concrete actions by the PLO — actions for peace and against terrorism — before changing our fundamental attitude toward the PLO," Quayle said.

He made clear that the United States has yet to see such evidence and remains deeply skeptical of Arafat's will or ability to provide it.

He described the Palestinian uprising as "yet another new factor in the Middle East equation," noting that it "has gone on for over a year now, and has resulted in nearly 400 Palestinans killed, and many more injured."

**Dan Quayle**

But, the vice president stressed, "Israel cannot be judged by the standards of its neighbors. Israel judges itself — and is judged by others — on the basis of the standards which prevail in the democratic West.

**"And on the basis of these standards, the status quo on the West Bank and Gaza Strip is clearly unacceptable," he said.**

Quayle pledged that the United States "will continue to oppose the one-sided condemnation of Israel's actions that emerge all too often from the United Nations."

# *Labor MK Hillel named Keren Hayesod chairman*

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Shlomo Hillel, a Labor member of the Knesset and its former Speaker, has been appointed world chairman of Keren Hayesod, the international fund-raising agency for Israel.

Hillel, 65, is expected to resign his Knesset seat to devote full time to his new duties.

He was defeated recently by fellow Laborite Avraham Shohat for chairmanship of the Knesset finance committee.

Earlier he lost a bid to retain the office of Speaker to Likud's Dov Shilansky.

**Keren Hayesod conducts worldwide campaigns for Israel in all Disapora countries except the United States, where the United Jewish Appeal runs campaigns for domestic Jewish, Israeli and other overseas needs.**

The office of Keren Hayesod chairman has been vacant for a year.

Hillel's predecessor, Avraham Avihai, of the General Zionists, resigned after the last World Zionist Congress. WZO executive chairman Simcha Dinitz filled the post in the interim.

Hillel distinguished himself as a secret aliya agent to Iraq, the country of his birth, in 1947-49.

Later, he served in various diplomatic posts before running for the Knesset.

**Considered a hawk, Hillel was reported to belong to a group of Labor Party insurgents hoping to unseat party leader Shimon Peres.**

# Arens invited to Cairo parley

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

**Foreign Minister Moshe Arens is in Cairo this week for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze. The meeting is the result of a Kremlin initiative submitted to Arie Levin, head of Israel's consular delegation in Moscow. Shevardnadze has been on a tour of Middle East countries.** **(See story on page 7.)**

**Last week Arens met in London with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe. According to briefings there was "tough talk" on both sides with Arens rejecting Thatcher's plea for Israel to respond to PLO "peace initiatives."**

# World-National

## Newcomers aren't the problem

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Real estate prices are sky-high in Toronto and rising in Montreal and other metropolitan centres. Ask people for the reason, they'll tell you it's the new money from Hong Kong, or Japan, or elsewhere, that's driving up the price.

Ask why there is increasing street crime and drug trafficking in Canada. The answer is similar: the problem has been imported.

Rabbi Plaut

Acid rain? It comes from the States. Even cold wintry blasts now come from Alaska.

Danger of unemployment? We have too many immigrants and refugees.

And so on. If we have problems it's because of "them" — whoever they might be: it depends on the circumstances. Problems are seen to be imported and not indigenous, our own share of responsibility is minimized or denied altogether. Not a very intelligent approach to the current scene, but very popular nonetheless.

**Most of these glib explanations usually have a grain of truth hidden away in each of them. But a grain does not a wheat field make. It's an old debating trick to take one example and suggest that it represents the whole picture. Therefore I'm not usually bothered by these instant "analyses." They usually do nothing worse than confirm the speaker's unwillingness to confront the problem seriously.**

### *Blamed for woes*

But I do get annoyed when immigrants and refugees are blamed for a variety of our woes. They are said to be strangers that don't fit in; they change the nature of Canadian society; they work too hard; they push their children to outperform everyone else in school; they want to get to the top as fast as possible; they invade old neighborhoods; they are pushy; they are too loud; they speak their old language in public. In plain English: they are obviously different and don't know their place.

Of course, if your memory is good enough and you are a certain age, then you will also know that all of this was said about Jews — and not so long ago at that and in certain quarters is still heard in much the same way. But does this deter Jews from using the same lingo and expressing the same opinions about today's newcomers? Alas, no. We have made it and therefore have earned the dubious privilege of chiming in with the rest of the crowd.

### *False portrayal*

**Prejudice is also all too often supported by ignorance. There is a general perception around that newcomers take jobs away from residents. That may of course be true in particular instances, but it does not properly portray the total effects of immigration (of whom refugees are a part).**

Most analysts agree that in the long run immigrants increase, not decrease, opportunities for work. They create multiple needs: for housing and streets, for teachers and medical services; for food and clothing; for appliances, and so on. As soon as they start working they become consumers, and many of them will become employers as well.

America is powerful because it has nearly 250 million people, while Canada, with only 10% of it, will always merely tag along. If we had substantially more we would be less afraid of free trade and less dependent on every turn and twist in the U.S. economy.

And none of these pragmatic arguments even begins to speak to our moral obligation toward refugees. We were refugees once and the Torah constantly reminds us of it and enjoins us to be compassionate toward them. Let's make "them" part of "us" and not make them the butt of our own prejudice. It is unbecoming for every decent person and especially so for Jews.

## Poor economy seen as reason

# *Rise in violence could hit territories*

**JERUSALEM (JPFS) —** The defence ministry and civil administration have become alarmed that further deterioration of the economic situation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip could cause an intensification of violence in the territories.

**"We are approaching a situation in which many Palestinians in the territories will have nothing to lose," well-placed sources in the civil administration said. They noted that many thousands of people have become unemployed in recent months, and even those who are working are only earning some 50% of what they did a few months ago.**

There are some Israel officials who think that the economic crisis will help stop the intifada, the sources continued, but most officials dealing with the territories think it will further increase the violence.

Palestinian sources blamed the government for deliberately causing the deterioration of the economic situation in the territories by flooding the market with Jordanian dinars in the hope of putting an end to the intifada. The Palestinian sources said that recently the Bank of Israel sold a large quantity of dinars that were deposited with it. This, they noted, further lowered its exchange rate in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

**Israeli officials categorically deny these accusations and say they are doing their utmost to prevent a further decline in the economic situation in the territories.**

Israeli observers who follow developments in the territories said there are four main reasons for the worsening economic situation:

- The falling value of the Jordanian dinar. The Jordanian currency has dropped 50% over recent months, severely hitting West Bankers who still receive their salaries from Jordan. It is common for West Bank employers to pay wages in dinars.
- Increasing unemployment both within the Green Line and in the territores. There is a growing tendency among Jewish employers in Israel to dismiss their Palestinian workers before cutting back on their Israeli staff. Some Palestinians lost their jobs after failing to show up for work because of the strikes called by the intifada's leadership.
- The slowdown in the Israeli economy has affected Palestinians who worked as subcontractors for Israeli companies. The recent subsidy cuts in basic foodstuffs has also increased the hardship for Palestinian consumers.
- **A sharp decline in the inflow of foreign currency. The government has clamped down on the movement of foreign currency from the Persian Gulf states and Jordan into the territories. This money, which had been sent as aid for the territories' residents, has also dried up because of economic problems within the Arab world.**

The Israeli officials noted that even though the PLO was still channeling money into the territories illegally, this money was just a drop in the ocean compared to the level of support the Palestinians needed.

Meanwhile, the Bank of Israel reported that Israel's trade surplus in goods and services exported to the West Bank and Gaza totalled only $56 million in 1988, a two-thirds drop from the previous year.

**The decrease was a direct result of the intifada, which significantly diminished the economic ties between Israel and the territories. In 1987, Israel's surplus totalled $174 million.**

Last year, Israel's exports to the territories dropped to an estimated $650 million from $928 million in 1987. Service exports remained almost constant, at $215 million, compared with $220 million the previous year. At the same time, Israel's imports from the West Bank and Gaza Strip dropped to $170 million, compared with $304 million in 1987. Services that Israel purchases from the territories — mainly its labor force — dropped to $639 million, compared with $670 million in 1987.

**According to Central Bank estimates, Israel's total surpluses with the territories in terms of goods and services will remain low, around the $60 million mark. According to other governmental estimates, the number of authorized workers from the territories who show up for work on a regular basis is around 78-79% of that during the pre-intifada period.**

From these figures, it seems that at least 90,000 workers from the territories are still working in Israel, compared with 114,000 in the last quarter of 1987.

## Long distance did a real number on us

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

My grandfather had a 6-pack of sisters who lived on the other side of the continent. When he got a telephone call from San Francisco, he never once said "Hello," or "How are you?" He picked up the receiver with one stock greeting: "What's wrong?"

Long distance was for disasters. Good news could wait for the mail; bad news came by phone. Maybe a Hollywood mogul made a long-distance call to cement a deal or check up on his tootsie, but toll calls were as foreign to my family as tootsies.

Throughout my childhood, it was clear that these lines were not for conversation but for announcements. We were as likely to reach out and touch someone by telephone as we were to communicate by using a cattle prod. Casual phoning was as rare as casual sex.

Today, however, I do not answer the phone saying, "What's wrong?" I answer it saying, "Yes, I will accept the charges."

**As a parent I have learned that the marketing miracle of the age — the century's greatest scam — is the success of the telephone company in selling something as ephemeral as conversation. They have convinced a generation of young Americans to casually, nay whimsically, use the phone.**

It isn't only an extraterrestrial creature who yearns to "Phone Home." Our own little earthbound kiddies learn their telephone numbers before they learn to count change. In the best Sesame Street style, they have their priorities straight: digits before dollars. And long distance is just three little digits.

The business plot comes into its profitable peak when our young move to another area code and join that expensive subspecies known as college students. Having spent high school attached umbilically to the extension cord, they move into a dorm where they are immediately entrusted with the one thing we withhold: their own touch-tone.

What they do with it can only be explained through a series of anecdotes that lurk in the telephone bills gathered for the Annals of Collegiate Communication. (1) A long distance call in pursuit of someone else's long-distance number. (2) A call from a panicky young cook who needs to be talked through a creme anglaise. (3) A call from an operator checking if the child in city A could call the friend in city B and charge it to the parent in home G. G as in Goodman.

The building of a truly impressive phone bill, one that rivals the cost of tuition, is not all the fault of the telephone company and its diabolical direct-dialing. The university colludes in this. It brings together students who do not ordinarily live anywhere near each other. Inevitably they become friends. Friends by the modern definition are people who must be called regularly during vacations.

**Love also rears its expensive head. Researchers have determined that it is biologically impossible for a college student to fall for someone who both summers and studies in the same area code. Accountants calculate that a relationship with the girl next door would save the average college family $89.56 each quarter. There are two such families in existence.**

As a concept, casual phoning was sold with the premise that a brief call is quite cheap. If this were a drug clinic they would call the marketing strategy, "giving out samples." The student can explain just how cheap a call is as easily as he can explain why, according to Wittgenstein, your life is built on an entirely wrong philosophical foundation.

If you begin to win such a discussion, this student has a backup position. She will promise that the next time she calls Bruce et al, she will just talk for three minutes. This will happen only if Bruce isn't home and she gets his baby sister on the line.

Then there is the final line of student defence. You've heard the one that goes: "The check is in the mail." The undergraduate being cross-examined about the need for another transcontinental chat has a better one: "I'll pay for the call." This is delivered with great moral righteousness and absolute safety, because parents know the only way she can pay for it is with food money.

But in any family, the time comes for a serious conversation about casual phoning. No problem. You will find them absolutely cooperative, even happy to discuss the matter at great length — which is to say, at long distance.

**And if you finally get hysterical, the bewildered telephone abuser will innocently echo his ancestor's anxious cry: "What's wrong?" Where, oh, where is grandpa when you need him?**

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*Says rights of minorities threatened*

# CJC urging changes in Meech Lake Accord

**FREDERICTON —**

New Brunswick should refuse to ratify the Meech Lake Accord in its current form because the accord threatens the rights of minorities and fundamental freedoms in Canada, says Canadian Jewish Congress.

**Members of the constitution subcommittee of Congress's Joint Community Relations Committee appeared recently before the New Brunswick Legislature Select Committee on the 1987 Constitutional Accord to present Congress's view.**

Only New Brunswick and Manitoba have yet to sign the accord, which brought Quebec into the Constitution by giving it distinct status, and increases provincial powers in several areas.

Members of the CJC delegation told the MLAs that the accord should be amended to include a broader interpretation of the fundamental characteristics of Canada.

In its current state, said CJC, the accord actually weakens the Charter of Rights and Freedoms because it "downgrades" the status of the individual under the Constitution and marks a "subtle but unmistakable political shift in favor of majority prerogatives, and away from minority rights.

**"We believe that as a matter of principle, governments should not tamper with the Charter, directly or indirectly, unless such amendments strengthen (it). The Meech Lake Accord weakens it," CJC's 24-page brief stated.**

Congress added that Meech Lake would cause confrontation between Ottawa and the provinces in the areas of immigration and the choice of judges to the Supreme Court. CJC said it has "very grave concerns" over the judicial nominating process, as proposed in the Accord.

A major area of contention for CJC is Section 2 of the Accord, which sets out "linguistic duality" as the fundamental characteristic of Canada and recognizes Quebec as "a distinct society." The section adds that henceforth, the Constitution will be interpreted by Parliament and the provinces to reflect that.

Neil Finkelstein

**Congress suggested that Section 2 be amended to include as "fundamental characteristics of Canada" the recognition of multiculturalism, aboriginal rights, equality of all Canadians, especially between men and women, and the commitment of Canadian society to fundamental rights and freedoms.**

In its brief, Congress stressed that "from the inception of Meech Lake, CJC has had serious concerns about the "linguistic duality" and "distinct society" clauses.

Rather than promoting the long-standing commitment to a bilingual country from sea to sea, Congress saw "linguistic duality" as freezing Canada into two language blocs, francophone in Quebec and anglophone in the rest of Canada, with the English and French language minorities left vulnerable."

**CJC voiced its fear that under Meech Lake, Canada's courts won't be able to stop governments from stepping on the rights of minority groups and individuals by hiding behind the accord's provisions.**

Congress wants the accord amended to:

- State clearly that it will not increase the powers of governments or alter the role of the courts in the application of the Charter.
- Guarantee the federal government's ability to expedite immigrants' entry into Canada, according to current national criteria.
- Give the federal government "more explicit powers" in setting immigration levels if there is a conflict between Ottawa and the provinces.
- Set up a formal mechanism whereby deadlocks between the two levels of government on nominees to the Supreme Court would be broken.
- The amending of Section 2, as described above.

Presenting the brief were Ivan Levine, president of the Atlantic Jewish Council and chairman of the Atlantic Region of CJC; Toronto constitutional law expert Neil Finkelstein and national JCRC director Manuel Prutschi.

Finkelstein told The CJN he feels the Meech Lake Accord "is in deep trouble," given that Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon has withdrawn his province's support for the deal, while in New Brunswick, every seat in the legislature is occupied by Premier Frank McKenna's Liberals, making for no effective support of the accord.

# *Crosses to be removed from Montreal courts*

By JANICE ARNOLD

**MONTREAL —**

All crucifixes have been removed from Montreal municipal court rooms as a result of one Jewish man's persistence.

**Architect Norman Spatz was shocked to see a large crucifix hanging on the wall behind the judge's bench when he went to municipal court to challenge a traffic ticket more than a year ago.**

An American who has been living in Montreal 16 years, Spatz queried the judge on the presence of the crucifix in a court room. In fact, it was apparently the only symbol in the room. "There was no Canadian, Quebec or Montreal flag, or even the logo of the City of Montreal."

Spatz had revealed that he was Jewish by not swearing on the Bible. He told the judge he feared the decision in his case might be prejudiced because he had identified himself as not belonging to the faith the cross symbolized.

"The judge told me he didn't want to discuss it," Spatz recalled. He did lose and had to pay the $25 parking fine. But the matter did not end there for Spatz.

**A month later — last February — Spatz brought the subject of the crucifixes up at a city council meeting. He told Mayor Jean Dore that he felt it was inappropriate in a democracy and in a multicultural society to adorn a court room with the symbol of the majority religion, and questioned whether minorities could expect a fair trial.**

"Dore assured me everyone would get a fair trial. He seemed to find it incomprehensible that anyone could object to the presence of a crucifix in a court room; he saw it as inoffensive and something not worth dealing with," Spatz said.

In May, Spatz wrote a letter to Montreal executive committee chairman Michael Fainstat (who is Jewish) pointing out how important it is that the city "create the image" that all citizens, regardless of their origin, are equal. Spatz pointed out that the sight of the cross could be intimidating to non-Christians because they may already feel "vulnerable" going before a judge.

**He suggested the removal of the crucifixes would be a significant gesture in this direction, particularly at a time when the city has pledged to increase minority representation in its civil service and police force.**

Months passed with no reply. Spatz sent a copy, this time having it certified. "They said they hadn't received the first one."

Finally, in December, Spatz received a response. It came from Jean Teasdale, the clerk of Montreal municipal court. The brief note merely stated that all crosses would be down Dec. 22.

Contacted by the CJN, Teasdale said Spatz's letter had been the decisive factor. He was impressed with his argument that "the administration of justice should not present a religious image." There are nine court rooms in the muncipal court house on Gosford St.

**Another influence on the decision was the judgment last year by Judge Rene Dery in favor of Paul Drouin, of the Mouvement laique du Quebec (Secular Movement of Quebec), who challenged being tried in a court room with a crucifix on the wall.**

Drouin, a philosophy teacher and secularist, had been brought before Montreal municipal on a minor offence. The judge agreed with Drouin's suggestion that this symbol of Roman Catholicism compromised the court's need to appear impartial. He ruled that the trial be moved to Quebec Court, which is located in the Palais de Justice where there are no religious symbols on the walls.

Teasdale said no complaints had been received about the taking down of the crucifixes.

An exuberant Spatz said he felt "really great. It makes you feel you can make a difference, and I feel like, at least, less of a crank."

**Montreal city councillor Sam Boskey also hailed the news. He has tried unsuccessfully to have the crucifix removed from the city council chamber (it hangs above where councillor Saulie Zajdel, a Lubavitch Jew, sits).**

Shortly, after Dore was elected in 1986, ending Jean Drapeau's decades-long reign, Boskey, who is Jewish, suggested the removal of the cross. He even went so far as to offer to buy it.

Boskey said he had been encouraged that a new, more pluralistic era has been ushered in at city hall when Dore phased out the prayer that opened all council meetings, replacing it with a moment of silence.

Boskey said he recently heard rumors that the crucifix may be quietly taken down when the the chamber undergoes an expected re-arranging in the near future.

## The Jewish Quiz

**QUESTIONS:**

1. What is the name of the Spanish language as it was preserved by the Sephardim?
2. Which Sephardi chief rabbi of Eretz Israel was awarded the French Legion of Honor?
3. Who was the first Sephardi Jew to win the Nobel prize in medicine?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

**ANSWERS:**

1. Ladino or Judeo-Spanish.
2. Jacob Meir (1856-1939).
3. Dr. Baruj Benacerraf, in 1980 (born in Caracas, Venezuela).

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# World-National

## Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

**QUESTION: If a member of our faith steals my money, and I lose a lot or a little, is he still my brother? What does our religion say to the man who steals?**

*ANSWER: If you take money, or goods, that don't belong to you, beware. You risk falling into a new status. You are no longer a real Jew, and you stay in that new category until you restore what you stole. This doctrine was enunciated by the Chafetz Chaim z.l. and one of his students recorded it for posterity.*

Rabbi Burak

While browsing through the special library of Telshe Yeshiva, I made it a point to look at the books that carried the special stamp with which the late Gaon, Rabbi Eliezer Silver z.l. stamped all his books. Any sefer that he owned and read is worth studying. Here is what I found.

In the sefer, Pirchei Shoshanah, by Avraham Nesher, printed in Jerusalem, in the year 5713, page 64, the author reports these warm words by the Chafetz Chaim: "When a Jewish man marries out of the faith, the whole people draw away from him. But, when a man takes another man's money and doesn't pay it back, even though he is able to do it . . .

### Not Torah way

**"They will talk about it in private. But, publicly, if he be rich and though, they will honor him . . . even calling him to an honored aliyah le-Torah. But, that is not the way of the Torah itself." The sage went on to say that such a man has done something so abhorrent, that he ceases to be a Jew in the eyes of the Torah.**

Where do we find such a doctrine? We find it right in the Torah, if we reason things through the way the Chafetz Chaim did. In Exodus, Chapter 21, we have a number of laws governing those in slavery. A Jew who was a slave was given his freedom at the end of six years of servitude. In the 7th year, he went on sabbatical. He left for good.

During the years in which the bondman served his master, Exodus Chapter 21:4, tells us of some other services: "If his master gave him a wife, and she bears him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her masters, and he shall go out by himself. "What kind of wife is she whom the master gives, and with whom she stays while her husband-bondsman goes free?

Rashi and all the authorities answer that she is "a non-Israelite slave," a non-Jewish wife. So, what the Torah is really permitting is this: an Israelite slave may have a non-Jewish wife for some six years, and raise a family of non-Jewish children. Can this be so? Why? How come this is permitted by the Torah?

### Bright explanation

**Chief Rabbi Hertz z.l. has a bright explanation: "There was a saying current among ancient peoples to the effect that there was no morality among slaves. To prevent such promiscuity, the Torah makes a concession to human frailty. . . ." It's cute and wrong, for it overlooks such terrible sins as giving birth to children who will be idolaters.**

To lie with such a woman is a transgression of the law of the Torah. Then how can it be permitted here? Now comes the Chafetz Chaim's explanation: "The man who steals and does not give back what he stole, has lost the holiness that belongs to a Jewish soul. Until he makes restitution, he's not a Jew."

That's why he can have a non-Jewish wife and non-Jewish children, until the debt is paid by the increase in value of his production. This is an answer to the problem without absolute proof from a text that says clearly that the slave is no longer a Jew because he stole. But, in the Be'er Moshe, on the same text, Exodus page 468, we do have textual proof.

The bondman is called "eved ivri." But, says the Gaon and Tzaddik Rabbi Moshe Esptein z.l., "After Sinai, a Jew was never called an ivri but an Israelite." Since he is called, ivri, he's not a real Jew.

But, the gates of repentence are always open.

### Centre to get $1.5 million loan

# *UIA bailing out Edmonton JCC*

By
PAUL LUNGEN

**EDMONTON —**

The United Israel Appeal of Canada is bailing out the Edmonton Jewish Community Centre to the tune of $1.5 million.

The bridge financing is designed to pay the capital debt owing on the JCC, which Maxine Fischbein, executive director of the Edmonton Jewish Federation, called "the central address for Edmonton Jewry."

**The loan agreement between UIA, which transfers nationally-raised funds to Israel, and the Federation, which is housed in the JCC along with a number of other Jewish organizations, will see the UIA transfer $25,000 per month over a 5-year span to the Edmonton Federation.**

The Federation will repay the UIA loan over a 10-year span beginning in 1990, with provisions allowing for earlier repayment.

UIA executive vice president Walter Hess was hopeful that the Edmonton Jewish community will get its finances in order within two years and begin repaying the interest-free loan well ahead of schedule.

Hess and Fischbein both suggested that, following a successful campaign this year, the Edmonton community may bounce back and attain financial health before the six years are up.

Hess pointed to a "precedent" in the case of Winnipeg, which was the recipient about four years ago of a much larger loan.

The Winnipeg community got its finances in order, held a special fund raising campaign and was able to begin repayment of the debt ahead of schedule, he noted.

**Hess suggested Edmonton, like Winnipeg, could see increased community mobilization and "stronger leadership" to meet its financial crisis.**

Fischbein said the JCC now has its operating expenses under control but is having trouble paying off its capital debt, which totals $1.8 million.

Under terms of the agreement with the UIA, the $1.5 million advanced by the national organization will pay off the JCC's lender within six years, with the sale of a piece of land making up the $300,000 balance.

The Edmonton community, overextended itself financially and was especially hurt by the economic recession that hit Alberta, Hess said.

He said a pattern developed in Edmonton that has occurred in other, smaller Jewish communities — where the overwhelming majority of community-raised funds remain for local needs and less and less become available for transfer to Israel.

While acknowledging that the funds sent to bail out Edmonton would otherwise have been forwarded to Israel, he suggested that, if Edmonton develops active new leadership and improves its campaign efficiency, in the long term the UIA could benefit.

**Hess said the UIA executive debated the financing scheme, with the majority believing it would not be in the UIA or other Jewish organizations' interests if a federation defaults on a loan.**

The majority argued that such a default could rebound on other Jewish communities which deal with financial institutions, making obtaining a loan in future more difficult.

In a ratification vote, the Edmonton community agreed to the bridge financing by a 266 to 14 margin. One of the arguments against the loan was that the JCC was not a viable operation, that it will continue to accumulate debt and that the community has in the past shown it does not wish to support it through memberships.

Israel, which is facing crises of its own, is in more dire need of the community's financial contributions, the argument went.

### *Lord's Prayer controversy*

# Jewish politicians get hate mail

By
JEFF ROSEN

**TORONTO —**

Following the recent decision of Metro Toronto and Toronto city councils to drop the Lord's Prayer from their meetings, the men who introduced the motions at their respective councils have been the object of anti-semitic hostility from segments of the general community.

**Howard Levine, alderman for Ward 14 in the City of Toronto, said that in the wake of the debate on the Lord's Prayer — which resulted in council deciding to substitute a minute of silence — he has been subject to a number of hate phone calls and one letter from the neighboring city of Mississauga about the "Zionist conspiracy."**

"Here we are in 1989 and people are still putting forth this crap," Levine said. "The stuff sent to me is unbelieveable...it is mindless hate-mongering."

Levine said he tried to replace the Lord's Prayer recited at the opening of council meetings with a series of world prayers used by the Toronto Board of Education to better reflect the city's cultural diversity. He said that by employing such prayers and verses it helps to better understand the beliefs of various groups. This, in turn, helps reduce ignorance, which he claimed, is a chief cause of religious intolerance.

Looking back, he said he was "very uncomfortable" as a Jewish boy having to say the Lord's Prayer at school.

While Levine said he has received about 10 phone calls, he feels they are being set up by the same individual, as the messages are similar.

**Recalling one such message, Levine said the caller said: "First you kill our babies, now you want to take our prayers away..."**

Levine said that since the calls or letters have not threatened him personally, he will not involve the police in the incident.

Metro councillor Moscoe also said he would not be involving the police as the hatemongering poses no direct threat to him. Instead, he said, he sent the hate mail on to the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights and the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

**Moscoe's letter, which also comes from Mississauga, reads, in part, "I think one only has to look at the people who started this whole mess about banning the Lord's Prayer from schools and other public functions. Well for one, various 'human rights' groups have always been against this prayer policy but who is behind these so-called 'human rights' groups? Well I hate to say it but a large majority of the people who make up these groups are Jewish and boy do they have plans..."**

The letter goes on claiming Jews control the courts and the media, and that by controlling various immigration and refugee appeal boards, Jews are responsible for "flooding" Canada with non-Christian immigrants from the Third World. The letter also refers to B'nai B'rith as a "secret Jewish Zionist businessman's order."

Moscoe said he decided to call for the elimination of the Lord's Prayer from the opening of Metro council meetings as he has "always felt uncomfortable" with standing quietly while others were reciting the prayer. He believes other Jews and non-Christians feel the same way.

While Moscoe's motion called for the prayer just to be dropped from meetings, council finally decided to replace it with a moment of silence — a move Moscoe feels comfortable with. In fact, Moscoe admitted he was pleased with the entire debate on the Lord's Prayer, saying that most councillors discussed it on a "fairly high level.

**"It was the best debate we ever had since I have been on Metro council," he stated.**

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*Jewish groups score defence of white supremacist*

# Action by civil liberties lobby sparks protest

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
The Supreme Court of Canada last week granted intervenor status to the Canadian Civil Liberties Association in an upcoming appeal by white supremacist John Ross Taylor.

The decision allows the CCLA to present legal arguments in Taylor's appeal of a contempt conviction for continuing to play hate messages on the telephone.

Taylor, 75, former leader of the pro-Nazi Western Guard party, was ordered by the Ontario Human Rights Commission in 1979 to stop using the telephone to preach racial hatred. After failing to heed the order, Taylor was jailed in 1981 for one year for contempt and was convicted of contempt again in 1984 when he continued to play the messages. He has appealed the latest conviction.

**The CCLA has long opposed legislation that limits freedom of speech, saying the right to free expression is the linchpin of democracy. While opposing the content of messages promoted by Taylor and others, such as convicted Holocaust falsifier Ernst Zundel, it has also opposed legislation designed to silence hatemongers but which, it argues, is so "broad and vague" as to present a danger to others' free expression.**

The Supreme Court decision allowing the CCLA to present legal arguments in court reignited a long-standing disagreement between Jewish groups and the rights group. Organizations such as Canadian Jewish Congress and the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association questioned the CCLA's decision to support the purveyors of racism and not its victims.

Helen Smolack, a spokesperson for the Remembrance Association told the Toronto Star the CCLA should be trying to protect the victims of racial assaults instead of racists.

Manuel Prutschi, director of national community relations for Congress, criticized the CCLA for not being as concerned for the rights of ethnocultural minorities as they seem to be for the rights of those who slander these groups.

Taylor's lawyer, Doug Christie of Victoria, told The Star nearly 40 messages were made altogether. One said it wasn't surprising North York Mayor Mel Lastman was rich, since he is a Jew, Christie said.

Christie also represents Zundel, former Alberta school teacher Jim Keegstra, who taught anti-semitic views in class, Moncton teacher Malcolm Ross, who has written books alleging a worldwide Jewish conspiracy to undermine Christianity, and Imre Finta, a former Hungarian police officer accused of war crimes.

Lord's Prayer dropped

# *BB lauds Ottawa school board*

OTTAWA —
The League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada has applauded the Ottawa Board of Education's decision to drop the Lord's Prayer from morning exercises.

In place of the Lord's Prayer, all city public elementary and secondary schools will now be directed to have opening exercises each morning consisting of the national anthem and a period of silence.

In a letter to the chairman of the board, the League expressed its gratitude that the board was willing to not only recognize the rights of students of differing faiths, but non-religious students as well.

Simon Adler, co-chairman of the central cabinet of the League and the League's representative at the Court of Appeal hearing into this issue, stated: "The multicultural and multifaith reality of Ontario means that more school boards like yourselves must take a leadership role in ensuring that the educational system reflects the beliefs, concerns and needs of all students regardless of their background.

"We hope that you will continue to address issues of multiculturalism and race relations with the same leadership qualities that you have displayed with this decision," Adler continued. "Issues such as this often polarize one community against another and it is important for a body such as yours to step forward to intercede and to go beyond the issues of self-interest."

# Baker asked to investigate situation of N. Yemen Jews

By
ED FEUER

WASHINGTON —
U.S. Secretary of State James Baker has been urged by Arizona Senator Dennis DeConcini to have U.S. embassy officials in North Yemen investigate charges of major human rights violations against the remaining Jews in that country.

**DeConcini told Baker in a letter made available to The Canadian Jewish News that his staff has contacted the North Yemen desk at the state department and was informed that no embassy officers have visited northern villages where the Jews live to probe repeated allegations.**

"In view of the serious nature of the allegations and potential for continued abuse, I believe personal interviews with Jews in these northern villages are essential," he stated.

The Arizona senator was responding to a request for action by Phoenix lawyer William Wolf, president of the American Council to Save Yemenite Jewry.

Some 2,000 to 6,000 Jews remain in North Yemen, concentrated mainly in the northern villages. Many of these Jews were unable to leave for Israel during the Operation Magic Carpet airlift in 1951.

**According to numerous smuggled accounts and eyewitness reports, Jews in North Yemen are exposed to increasing persecution and denial of basic human freedoms including the right to unification with family in Israel, the right to free communication, the right to emigrate and the right to practice Judaism freely, DeConcini told Baker.**

"At a time when North Yemen urgently needs Western aid and cooperation. I would hope that the United States would utilize its position in the Yemen Arab Republic to help ensure that all its citizens retain their rights and freedoms as specified by international law," DeConcini said.

"The U.S. should never shy away from pressing friendly nations to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms," added the senator who is U.S. Senate co-chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

"Although North Yemen falls outside of the purview of the Helsinki process, the rights being denied to its Jewish citizens . . . are at the core of Helsinki principles and values," DeConcini said in an earlier letter to Wolf.

**"I believe that publicizing the plight of Yemeni Jews is an important step in galvanizing future action," he told Wolf.**

Wolf told The CJN that the Israeli government is powerless to do anything about the situation as it has no relations with North Yemen and is technically in a state of war with it.

# Israel experiences inflationary surge

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
The cost-of-living index soared by a hefty 4.7% in January, one of the highest monthly increases in the past three years.

While not unexpected, the figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics touched off partisan recriminations.

**Two former Likud finance ministers, Yitzhak Moda'i and Moshe Nissim, blamed the inflationary surge on the "inept devaluation" of the shekel by incumbent Finance Minister Shimon Peres, a Laborite.**

Devaluation was one of the first orders of business when Peres took office in December, and economic and industrial experts appear to be not disappointed with the results.

For Israeli wage earners, devaluation means reduced buying power, especially for goods and services requiring foreign currency such as imports and travel abroad.

But it was not the only factor in the rise of the January price index.

**Food prices rose about 10% because government price subsidies were slashed for budgetary reasons.**

But the prices of fruit and vegetables were up because of heavy rain and wind storms and freezing temperatures.

**The February price index is expected to increase by the same amount.**

# *Calgary hearing off until Feb. 23*

CALGARY —
An immigration hearing into the refugee claim of a U.S. white supremacist was adjourned last week until Feb. 23, following a brief appearance before an immigration adjudicator.

The adjournment was ordered after Howard Pursley told the adjudicator he did not have a lawyer to represent him.

Under Canada's new immigration policy, Pursley will try to convince a panel that he meets eligibility requirements. If he is successful, a full hearing will be held to examine his case in detail. If he is not, he will be expelled and can appeal the decision from the U.S.

**Pursley, a member of the Idaho-based Church of Jesus Christ-Aryan Nations, was arrested by immigration officials and charged with illegally working in Canada.**

**He claims he is being persecuted by the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation for his political and religious beliefs and has filed a claim as a political refugee. He is being held in custody in the Calgary Remand Centre.**

FBI officials said Pursley is connected with the Aryan Nations organization based at Hayden Lake, Idaho and has a criminal record.

Terry Long, head of the Aryan Nations chapter in Caroline, Alta., said he had talked to Pursley and suggested he apply for refugee status.


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# World-National

## But Vatican document is praised as "clear and powerful"

# *Jewish groups find flaws in statement on racism*

ROME (JTA) —

The Vatican's blanket condemnation of anti-semitism, in a document on racism issued here recently, was well received by several Jewish organizations, though they found some flaws.

While it is probably the strongest statement of its kind yet made in the name of a pope, the document stopped well short of examining the church's historic role in the persecution of Jews.

**Furthermore, while it acknowledged that anti-Zionism "serves at times as a screen for anti-semitism," it contains no reference to the Zionism equals racism resolution adopted by the UN General Assembly Nov. 10, 1975.**

That omission was cited by Rabbi A. James Rudin, national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee.

But he otherwise acclaimed the document as "clear and powerful."

The World Jewish Congress also welcomed the pontifical pronouncement.

But, noting that the statement recognizes the Holocaust as "racial ideology in its 'most tragic form,' " it prodded the Vatican to comply with the Feb. 22 deadline to relocate a Carmelite convent from the site of the Auschwitz death camp.

The document, titled The Church and Racism — Towards a More Fraternal Society, was ordered by Pope John Paul II and was written by the Vatican's Justice and Peace Commission.

It dealt with all forms of racism, and specifically came down hard on South Africa's apartheid and the historic racial discrimination in the United States.

But its historical overview of the development of racism failed to deal in more than cursory fashion with severe anti-Jewish measures, such as the Inquisition or confinement in ghettos imposed by churchmen.

"No attempt is made here to trace a complete history of racism, nor of the attitude of the church in this regard," a footnote at the opening of the document explained.

"This by no means implies an effort to gloss over the weaknesses and even, at times, the complicity of certain church leaders, as well as other members of the church in this phenomemon," it said.

The concentration on 20th-century anti-semitism and neglect of its millennial aspects was acknowledged by Cardinal Roger Etchegarray, president of the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace at the Vatican, and Monsignor Jorge Mejia, at a news conference here.

**Etchegaray said that the document was not intended as a replacement for a long-planned document that is to specifically address the question of anti-semitism and Catholic-Jewish relations.**

"If it's a question of anti-semitism, we hope that our colleagues in the Commission (on Religious Relations with the Jews) will take up completely the subject," Mejia said.

"Here, we thought this was enough. It's quite clear to recognize that we have not lived up to the standards always and everywhere particularly regarding anti-semitism," he said.

The Vatican document said: "If anti-semitism has been the most tragic form that racist ideology has assumed in our century, with the horrors of the Jewish Holocaust, it has unfortunately not disappeared.

"As if some had nothing to learn from the crimes of the past, certain organizations, with branches in many countries, keep alive the anti-semite racist myth, with the support of networks and publications."

The document took note that terrorist acts which have Jewish persons or symbols as their target have multiplied in recent years and show the radicalism of such groups.

**"Anti-Zionism — which is not of the same order since it questions the State of Israel and its policies — serves at times as a screen for anti-semitism, feeding on it and leading to it."**

The document noted "furthermore, some countries impose undue harassments and restrictions on the free emigration of Jews."

It called the racist policies of the Nazi party "insane" and "responsible for one of the greatest genocides in history.

"This murderous folly struck first and foremost the Jewish people in unheard of numbers, as well as other peoples," the document stated.

**But it went on to defend the policies of Pope Pius XII, who, as the pontiff at the time the Holocaust was being perpetrated, has been accused of having done far less than he might have to help Jews and other Nazi persecutees.**

## *Canadian Aharon Korzen runs in Netanya*

# Bloc aims for public accountability

By DAVID RUDGE

NETANYA (JPFS) —

Israelis from English-speaking countries have aspired to and attained the highest offices in the land — e.g. Chaim Herzog, Rabbi Yitzhak Halevi Herzog, Golda Meir, Dov Joseph, Abba Eban, Moshe Arens and Gershon Agron.

However, in contrast to some ethnic groups, they have demonstrated a marked reluctance to band together to form a political bloc or lobby at either the national or the local level.

**But Netanya, with 4,000 English-speakers, is now the locale of the first organized "Anglo-Saxon" venture into politics, with the Etgar (Challenge) list, one of 12 to contend for the 23 seats on the municipal council in the elections on Feb. 28. Unlike the main political parties, Etgar is not putting forward a mayoral candidate and is committed to supporting whomever is elected mayor.**

Heading the list is attorney Aharon Korzen, who came to Israel from his native Canada over 20 years ago. Korzen, 44, married and the father of three children, is a partner in a Netanya law firm. He was a Jewish Agency aliya emissary in Montreal in 1982-85.

Korzen describes Etgar as a non-partisan list with "a predominantly Anglo-Saxon ideology and philosophical outlook." It's "overall aim is to try to bring Western standards of service, accountability and tolerance to Israel."

Says Korzen: "It is certainly preferable to have these standards here, rather than the situation where Israelis are leaving the country to search for the same standards abroad."

### *Closer ties desired*

**Regarding accountability, Korzen says: "We feel that municipal councillors should be accountable to the public and not to their party bosses. If we can engender closer ties between the elected and the electorate it will be a major contribution to the Israeli political system."**

says: "We feel that the time has come for efficient 1-stop city services instead of the present system, where people are badgered and shunted from pillar to post, from one office to another. We want clerks and city hall staff to be trained to deal with the public, not the other way around."

Like the other parties, Etgar is concerned with the issues of local taxes, employment, education and the environment. Korzen says: "The present taxes are too high for the standard of services provided. And senior citizens should be entitled to discounts and still be able to pay their taxes in instalments.

**"We would like Netanya to become a model city with plenty of employment opportunities, good standards of education with far more parental involvement in schools than at present, and a clean environment. To achieve the latter, we demand that ecological laws, passed to protect and improve the environment, be enforced.**

"There is no need for national politics, and questions about the future of the territories or whether Israel should talk to the PLO, to intrude on municipal affairs," Korzen says. "When people are so concerned with national issues, other serious problems tend to get neglected. That's what happened in the case of the sewage treatment that led to a polio outbreak.

Aharon Korzen

"We are a coalition party, with people from all backgrounds and shades of the political spectrum. We decided against joining with any other party, as this would split our potential vote," he said.

**Even though, according to Korzen, Etgar is probably the first "Anglo-Saxon" party in the country, he stressed that it hopes to attract support from all sectors of the local electorate. With that in mind, it placed several non-English-speaking Israelis on the list who have the "ideology and sensitivities" of people from Western democracies.**

"We believe in religious tolerance and that all groups — Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and secular — should be treated equally and with mutual respect," says Korzen, who wears a kipa and describes himself as a religious Zionist.

Etgar also advocates full equality for women and their full participation in public affairs. Half of its candidates are women, including No. 2, Hadassah Tamir.

Originally from Brazil, Tamir settled in Israel in 1949. She is well known in Netanya for her activities with women's groups and as advisor on women's affairs to Mayor Yoel Alroy.

Etgar expects to win at least two seats — counting on the backing of most of the eligible English-speaking voters and the support of non-aligned electors.


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# DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On Feb. 27, 1988, an article in the Soviet organ Izvestia highlighted the Jew hatred espoused by Pamyat, a Russian supremist organization apparently allowed to spring up in opposition to the Communist Party. Anti-semitism was once again resurging in the USSR in the service of politics.

Despite official pronouncements to the contrary, the long legacy of czarist anti-semitism did not end with the Russian revolution. Judaism was severely repressed following the Communist takeover, particularly after Josef Stalin took the reins of power. Jews as individuals were allowed to serve in the Communist Party, the army, and in most facets of the government, while synagogues were turned into recreation centres and movie halls.

Allowed to survive was limited Yiddish cultural expression at least implicitly hostile to the Jewish religion.

The practice of Judaism led to imprisonment or deportation to Siberian labor camps.

By the time World War II broke out, Communist policy appeared to have succeeded in assimilating Russia's Jews where pre-1917 pogroms, child army drafting, and ghetto-enforced poverty had failed.

In courting U.S. support during the war, Stalin allowed Yiddish culture unprecedented expression. He cut it short soon after, as the cold war set in and as the new State of Israel, which his Soviet Union was the first superpower to recognize, aligned itself with the West. Stalin's paranoia and anti-semitism culminated in the murder of Russia's leading Jewish writers and physicians; apparently only his sudden death in 1953 saved Moscow's Jews from deportation to Siberian concentration camps.

Under Stalin's successors, the disproportionate heroic role of Jewish soldiers in the Red Army during the war and Holocaust losses in Soviet territories continued to be downplayed. For all this, the spark of Judaism in Russia's Jews — which had flared to a blaze at the visit of then new Israeli foreign minister Golda Meir — continued to smoulder, and result in the Refusenik movement.

Recently, limited liberalization of expression has seen for the first time official references to the anti-semitic nature of Stalin's excesses. It has also seen the strident declaration of Jew hatred directly or as anti-semitism by Pamyat. The latter's leading intellecutals formerly wrote official anti-Zionist propaganda in the major Soviet media and in books published by the government press in hundreds of thousands of copies, pointed out B'nai B'rith International spokesman William Korey last year. Izvestiya's "expose" of Pamyat was preceded by another organ's warning that anti-semitism was growing into an "embryo of a political opposition party — namely an embryo neo-Nazi party."

**That Pamyat's leader bears the same last name as Josef Begun, a much persecuted Refusenik hero, is interesting. It remains to be seen whether this is a mere coincidence or a psychological ploy with massive propaganda potential set in place by the chess masters of the KGB. Time will tell: if the criticism of Stalin's anti-semitism is more than the customary Soviet scapegoat flogging of earlier leaders; and if the Pamyat exposes are contrived warnings about or controls on possible political challenges to the Communist Party. Time will tell if all the USSR's diverse peoples receive true rights of expression, association and movement.**

**Meanwhile, the Jews are political tools once again.**

**INPARSHAL WORDS: shekel, har**

The Torah contains many words echoed in English. One in this week's parsha Ki Tissa is *shekel*, a coin of fixed weight. (*L'shkol* in Hebrew means to weigh.) It recalls the word scale and its derivatives. Another is *har*, hill, and suggests the English high.

The Concise Oxford Dictionary traces scale in its weight aspect to the old German *skaelo*.

**High, whose -gh was pronounced as strong guttural, is traced back through German and Scandinavian predecessors, including the Norse *har*. The COD posits an asterisked Germanic root, **haughaz*, as high's ultimate source. All asterisked roots have been made up through backward extrapolation based on current etymological theory; these roots are then used to advance the theory forward. No oral or written evidence of such words exists. The Hebrew of the Bible is real.**

Could the bases for scale and high have been among the vocabulary, alphabet and concepts that the ancient Hebrews spread throughout civilization? Jewish tradition holds that languages derive from a pre-Babel semitic tongue, from a kind of proto-Hebrew first spoken in the garden of Eden.

*In spirit of Glasnost and perestroika...*

# Shevardnadze invited to Jerusalem

**JERUSALEM (JPFS) —** The Prime Minister's top aide last week invited Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to visit Jerusalem during his recent Middle East tour.

Yosef Ben-Aharon, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, said he was issuing the call to the Soviet official in the spirit of glasnost and perestroika.

**"I cannot see any reason why he shouldn't include Israel in his tour plans," Ben-Aharon said. "If the Soviet Union really wants to have a fresh look at the Middle East, according to the principles of glasnost and perestroika, there is nothing like a first-hand look and direct talks with our leaders. Skipping over Israel does not contribute to the self-proclaimed Soviet policy of openness."**

Ben-Aharon's invitation came after a Soviet spokesman in Moscow confirmed that Shevardnadze would tour the Middle East and the Gulf to discuss regional problems and boost ties.

Shevardnadze would hold talks on convening an international conference on the Middle East, settlement of the Iran-Iraq conflict and the situation in Afghanistan, the spokesman said.

**Shevardnadze has already met elsewhere with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and Vice Premier Shimon Peres, and has been told many times that he would be welcomed in Israel.**

Israeli officials described Shevardnadze's Middle East visit as a part of a major effort by the Soviets to strengthen their position in the area.

**Observers in Jerusalem said the Shevardnadze tour pointed clearly to the different priorities the two superpowers assign to the Middle East. It was ironic, they said, that even before moderate Arab leaders have had the chance to meet with key figures from the Bush administration, they would speak with a senior Soviet diplomat. This is a sign that the new U.S. administration regards the Middle East as less important than Soviet-American relations and Europe.**

Meanwhile the Vitya Novitsky, the first Soviet ship to dock in an Israeli port in 22 years, arrived at Ashdod last week to pick up 40 tons of clothes and 40 tons of flour collected by Abie Nathan for the victims of December's earthquake disaster in Soviet Armenia.

"I can't believe they came," said an obviously excited Nathan during a reception on the ship's bridge. The Soviet authorities had initially refused to accept his offer of a direct shipment from Israel, but following a change of heart sent a ship to pick up the donations.

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# Editorial

The Canadian Jewish news

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## Be careful

For centuries Jews and Judaism have been targeted by the slanderous charges of mischievous people. From the blood libel to the international conspiracy charge, Jews have been buffeted by the ignoble motives of malevolent enemies.

Having suffered for so long from these outrageous attacks on our reputation and integrity, Jews understand the need to exercise a special kind of self-restraint before going on the offensive in combating the adversary.

We are aware that in the modern world there are still many of the latter. The anti-semitism, the Nazi war criminals and the neo-Nazis continue even in this post-Holocaust age to calumniate Jews and Judaism. Their librettos vary with the moment and the circumstance but the underlying music is always the same.

**In battling the enemies of Judaism, however, some segments of the Jewish community have permitted an understandable zeal to triumph over common sense — forgetting they must be careful to distinguish between legitimate debate and overt expressions of bigotry. These lapses do not occur frequently but they happen often enough to warrant concern.**

Agencies which act on behalf of the community must be ever mindful of the fact that unsubstantiated allegations about an individual's Nazi past can be subject to the laws of libel, which are very severe in Canada. Only the alertness on the part of editors can avoid printing libels, and in the Anglo-Jewish press there are editors who lack that essential ability.

Recent incidents involving an international Jewish organization show that leveling the charge of anti-semitism, even in an informal way, against individuals or groups on the basis of hearsay and rumor — and apparently without substantive proof — can lead not only to embarrassing court judgments and punitive fines but also to a loss of credibility.

The Jewish community cannot restrain individuals who engage in misguided allegations about Nazi war criminals or anti-semites. It should, however, be concerned when agencies representing the community display a lack of discretion by disseminating information of allegations that have not been exhaustively vetted for possible violations of the laws of libel and slander.

**Jewish tradition holds that a good name is more precious than gemstones. It is incumbent upon those who represent the tradition to honor that concept.**

## Broadway bound

We are not yet sure what to make of a new play which has just begun a Broadway run. The work by Ira Levin, the man whose fertile mind, brought us *Rosemary's Baby, Deathtrap* and *The Boys From Brazil*, has now written a play about — a synagogue haunted by a cantor!

Mervyn Rothstein writes in The New York Times that Levin often thought about composing a dramatic work in which a synagogue is featured. It occurred to him that if a synagogue was to be the venue for his work, then it has to be a haunted one and who would haunt a synagogue if not a cantor?

In Levin's play, *Cantorial*, the synagogue in question is now a private dwelling which has been refurbished by a couple of yuppies. The ghostly cantor who inhabits the dwelling sings in Hebrew as he tries to persuade the inhabitants of this upwardly mobile unit to restore the place as a synagogue.

**Levin indicates, in the Times article, that too much of modern prose dwells on depressing subjects like marriage breakdown. His new play seeks to entertain, divert and make people laugh.**

As is the fashion in the Big Apple, Levin's play is now the subject of diverse commentary. Some critics hold that he has written a very Jewish, very religious play about tradition, values and ritual. Another school, and Levin himself belongs to this one, says the play is merely an entertaining ghost story about a father and son relationship.

Whatever the legitimate interpretation may be, the use of a professional cantor, Paul Zim (of the Hillcrest Jewish Center in Queens), shows that the show's producers are serious in exposing first rate cantorial talent on Broadway.

Although it's still too early to tell if *Cantorial* will be a hit, we certainly welcome the appearance on Broadway of *chazzanut*. The cantorial art may be the preserve of the synagogue but there is no reason why its attractions cannot be shared with a larger audience.

### Israel "totally isolated"

# *PLO splits British community*

THE JEWISH WORLD

By
**SHELDON KIRSHNER**

PLO diplomacy has split the Board of Deputies, the representative umbrella organization of British Jewry.

Shortly after PLO chairman Yasser Arafat accepted Israel's existence, embraced United Nations Resolutions 242 and 338 and renounced terrorism, dovish members of the board called on Israel to be ready to negotiate with the PLO.

**Then, during a visit to Jerusalem, the president of the Board, Lionel Kopelowitz, warned Israel that it would lose its credibility if it refused to talk with the PLO.**

As he put it: "There must be discussions between Israel and the PLO, to probe if Arafat can cease terrorism fully and properly."

Kopelowitz made his statement as Israel's second national unity government pledged not to hold talks with the PLO.

Board policy had been that Israel should not engage in negotiations with the PLO until it accepted Israel's existence, embraced Resolutions 242 and 338 and ceased terrorism.

After Arafat met these conditions, the Board, like the U.S. government, changed its tune.

**At a tumultuous meeting in London, the doves came out of the woodwork, catching conservative members of the Board offguard. Ivan Lawrence, a Conservative MP, set the predominant tone when he said: "How can you have a peace without agreement between the two warring parties? In the real world it simply isn't possible. To say that the PLO, one of the parties, will never be spoken to means no peace."**

He added: "Is there any credible alternative today to (Israel) calling Arafat's bluff? Our duty is to encourage a positive response now, to call that bluff."

Lionel Kopelowitz

**Greville Janner, a past Board president and a Labor MP, warned that Israel was "totally isolated" in British public opinion in its determination to ostracize the PLO.**

According to a report in the Jewish Chronicle, he was applauded when he declared: "There are vast numbers of Israelis who would talk to the PLO in the hope that their children and their grandchildren could live in peace and not go to war."

Another Board member, Eric Briskman, took the trouble to write a letter to the Jewish Chronicle. "Now that most of the Arab world has endorsed Arafat's peace initiative... Israel would lose credibility, as well as alienate (its) supporters and friends, if (it) declined to meet Arafat... The path to peace is worth a try — let us give peace a chance."

**These views were excoriated by several Board members. Michael Fidler, a past president of the Board, argued that the PLO had not met the conditions for dialogue; Menny Klausner, the chairman of the Board's Israel committee, attacked the PLO; Eric Graus, the president of British Herut, accused his opponents of wishful thinking.**

As turmoil beset the Board, the PLO launched a campaign to persuade British Jewry that Arafat's statements were genuine.

Karma Nablusi, the PLO's deputy representative in Britain, said a letter had been sent to the Board of Deputies, the Zionist Federation and the National Zionist Council and the message was: Let's talk peace.

In an interview with the Jewish Chronicle, Nablusi said: "You do not understand yet exactly what we are offering. We mean it. This is not a game or a piece of whimsy. We are committed to this road... We need to break down barriers of fear and pain and hatred and anger."

As the community debated these developments, the Jewish Chronicle urged Israel to be flexible.

In one editorial, the Chronicle commented: "There is need now for hard challenges to every one of the PLO positions and for an initiative which, if not as dramatic as that of Arafat, shows the world that there is another, less problematic, road to peace, one in which the energies of Israel will be fully engaged... The world is waiting for the other shoe to drop."

### World waiting for other shoe to drop

Two weeks later, in a second editorial, the Chronicle said: "As far as the international community is concerned... the ball is now truly in Jerusalem's court."

**In a related development, the chairman of an influential pro-Israel organization announced he would not be opposed to a meeting between Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Arafat — a statement that further divided British Jewry.**

The latest furor started when the director of the Conservative Friends of Israel, Michael Fidler, wrote to Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe urging them to refrain from meeting Arafat.

Fidler claimed that Arafat "was and still is the leader of the international terrorist movement."

In response, Michael Latham, the chairman of the British-Israel Parliamentary Group and the vice-president of the Conservative Friends of Israel, disowned Fidler.

"International reality has changed," Latham, an MP, said. "I would not be averse to a meeting between Arafat and Mrs. Thatcher. If Arafat accepts Israel's right to exist, then he becomes a partner to a discussion. I don't like Arafat or the PLO any more than I did before, but clearly they do represent very large numbers of people in the administered territories.

"If Israel wants to retain international friendship and credibility, she is going to have to take a more constructive approach to the new realities than initially was the case."

Latham said that the "way forward" was for negotiations to get under way between Israel and a delegation consisting of the Arab League and the PLO.

Britain subscribes to the 1980 Venice Declaration, which calls for an end to Israel's "territorial occupation" and for PLO "association" in the Middle East peace process. Recently, the British minister of state for foreign affairs, William Waldegrave, held meetings with Arafat's press spokesman, Bassam Abu Sharif, and then with Arafat himself.

### THE SEARCH FOR ROOTS

Two stories, from two countries, that speak volumes about identity.

Ten years ago, Graham Gale of Edmonton attended a Scouting jamboree and met a Toronto Jew who gave him a copy of James Michener's Novel, *The Source*. Gale, a Christian, had felt a "void" in his life, and *The Source* set him to think about Judaism.

He began to read books pertaining to Judaism, and got permission from a local rabbi to attend services at a synagogue as often as he pleased. Several years passed. Exploring family roots with his grandmother in Ontario, Gale discovered the presence of Jews on his family tree.

**One set of his great-great grandparents, Aaron and Emma Isaacs, had been Jewish. He took this as a sign that he was on the right track, The Jewish Star of Edmonton reports. By 1983, he was convinced he wanted to be Jewish. Rabbi Haim Kemelman of Beth Shalom agreed to do the conversion. A short time later, Gale, now a Jew, met his second wife, also a Jew by choice, at a Jewish singles evening.**

Today, according to The Jewish Star, Gale is an observant Jew who puts on tefillin and sits on the board of Beth Shalom.

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At the turn of the century, a Jewish couple from Poland, the Kuschinskis, left their village, immigrated to Berlin, shortened their name to Kusch, abandoned Judaism and raised their two sons as Christians.

Herbert, the elder son, married Hildergard Stockman, a Jewish woman who would always conceal her real identity. She bore her husband a daughter, Rehta.

In 1939, Hildergard was killed under the Nazi policy of exterminating the mentally deficient. Herbert, who was aware of his Jewish origin, served on the Russian front with the German army.

In 1950, Rehta — who had no idea she was Jewish — immigrated to Britain and married a man named Irvine. After he died, she wed Kenneth Sterritt. In 1984, when she and her second husband were celebrating their wedding anniversary, Herbert Kusch visited his daughter and told her about their Jewish background.

Ingrid Irvine

**At around the same time, Rehta Sterritt's daughter by her first husband, Ingrid Irvine, went to Poland and discovered the works of Isaac Bashevis Singer and other Yiddish writers. Four years later, Ingrid followed her boyfriend to New York City, which fed her appetite for things Jewish. Finally, she decided to convert to Judaism.**

After Ingrid fulfilled the demands of an Orthodox conversion, Rehta Sterritt filled her in on the family's Jewish connection. The news was a reaffirmation of her new faith, the Jewish Chronicle reports.

"I always knew it in my heart," Ingrid is quoted as saying. "I had been praying that it was true for years."

Her brothers, John and Peter, do not plan to convert.

## Opinion

# Israel replies to U.S. accusations of rights abuses

**JERUSALEM —**

The U.S. state department's harsh criticism of Israel's handling of the Palestinian uprising (CJN Feb. 16) has brought a response from the Israeli foreign ministry stressing that Israel's actions have been fully in keeping with international law.

Text of the statement, released last week to The CJN, follows.

Israel's measures in the territories as outlined in the U.S. state department report on human rights in the territories did not give full consideration to the actions of local extremist elements and the major dilemmas which these cause for Israel, such as:

- violent attacks by PLO-affiliated or Islamic fundamentalist radicals who have used massive stone barrages, Molotov cocktail firebombs, and even firearms against Jews and Arabs.
- the burning of planted forests, pastureland and grazing areas, and natural woodlands by arsonists,
- the use of hospitals as refuge for uninjured rioters,
- the use of ambulances as screens for transportation,
- pupils who are forced by masked youngsters to leave the schools and participate in riots.

When reading the U.S. report, it is advisable that consideration be given to the difficult context under which Israel has had to take various measures, and to the completely different context of human rights throughout the rest of the region.

Since the Six Day War of 1967, a war that was fought for its very survival, Israel is the authority responsible for security and stability in Judea-Samaria and the Gaza District, and for the welfare of the residents there, Jew and Arab. In the last 21 years, Israel has exerted efforts in numerous areas to improve the living standards of the local Arab inhabitants.

With the signing of the Camp David Accords, Israel, moreover, agreed to an interim phase of autonomy for the local Arab inhabitants and negotiations to determine the final status of Judea-Samaria and the Gaza District. Unfortunately, extremist pressures from the PLO and other Arab rejectionists undermined prospects for moving towards implementing of these terms.

The disturbances since December 1987 have posed serious problems and challenges for Israel, which is duty-bound to take all necessary measures to restore calm and stability. The steps taken by Israel against extremist elements who promote violence and turmoil are fully in keeping with international law.

**Israel has not been facing peaceful demonstrations of placard-carrying, law-abiding citizens. Israel has been facing violence, frequently incited by extremist elements, and that violence has assumed a number of forms: riots, terrorist attacks, and assaults against the life or property of Jews and Arabs by local radical elements.**

The disturbances in Judea-Samaria and the Gaza District have witnessed massive stoning of persons and moving vehicles, attacks with slings, iron bars, chains, knives, and home-fashioned lethal weapons of all types. Increasingly, Molotov cocktails have been used, and the lethal effects of this weapon were seen in the Oct. 30 firebomb attack on a public bus in Jericho, in which a mother and her three children were burned to death. Such violence is meant to kill, and 12 Israelis have lost their lives as a result.

That more Israelis have not died has *not* been due to lack of trying by the PLO-affiliated and Islamic fundamentalist extremists: since the outbreak of the disturbances in December 87, more than 1,280 Israelis — about 830 soldiers and 450 civilians — have been injured, some of them critically.

**Arabs, too, have been the victims of extremist violence. Since December 1987, 66 Palestinians were murdered and more than 100 were wounded because they did not comply with PLO and Islamic fundamentalist demands.**

Israel is empowered, indeed obligated, by international law to maintain order and public safety in the territories, for the benefit of Jews and Arabs alike. The principles of restraint and gradual response are applied. Tear gas of the standard type employed by police throughout the world is used to control riots, and Israeli orders bar its use in closed structures. At times, during a riot, some of the tear gas used outside may penetrate buildings — that effect, however, is unintentional. Live bullets are fired only as a last resort. In life-threatening situations according to the exigencies, rubber or plastic bullets may be used first.

The orders under which Israeli security personnel operate are explicit and well known to every soldier in the field. A soldier who is suspected of improper or excessive use of force is subject to military trial and punishment. While some excesses have occurred, these have been unacceptable departures from policy, and have been dealt with accordingly.

Those residents of the territories who are suspected of having committed security offences are dealt with in full accordance with international law and the humanitarian provisions of the Geneva Conventions.

Article 43 of The Hague regulations stipulates that the controlling authority shall take all the measures in its power to restore and ensure, as far as possible, public order and safety, while respecting, unless absolutely prevented, the laws in force in the country. As the authority currently responsible for maintaining order and public safety in Judea-Samaria and the Gaza District, Israel constantly seeks to find the proper balance between security and humanitarian requirements.

***Given access to the state's legal system***

The access which the residents of the territories have to the Israeli legal system — even to the highest court in the land, the Israel Supreme Court — is unprecedented in international practice. Such access serves as a unique safeguard of the rule of law.

Trials for security offences are heard before a military court, and are held in accordance with the procedures and rules of evidence obtaining in the courts of common law in Western countries. Convictions in such trials must be based on evidence, and cannot be based on a confession alone. Indeed, many defendants were released from custody following their arraignment, because the court had not been presented with sufficient evidence against them. The suspect has the right to be represented by an attorney, to request a review of his sentence, and to petition the Israeli Supreme Court regarding the decision. Throughout the period of imprisonment, inmates may turn to an attorney of their own choice, and a legal advisor is present at the facility.

Methods for questioning suspects are the same as those applied in other democratic countries. Since October 1987, questioning procedures have been more strictly defined and regulated.

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**The Israeli authorities make every effort to provide prisoners with appropriate conditions. A proper supply of fresh foodstuffs, water, and personal requirements is provided. In deference to the inmates' dietary preferences, meals are prepared by cooks chosen from among the inmates. A doctor and medical staff are present at every facility, and every inmate is entitled to receive free medical and dental care. Family visits are permitted, representatives of the International Red Cross are entitled to inspect all detention facilities, and do so regularly. Journalists have also been given access.**

The decision to place certain residents of the territories under administrative detention is taken because of the danger they pose to the lives and safety of others, and because of their involvement in violence-related acts. Such detention is in full accordance with Article 78 of the Fourth Geneva Convention. Moreover, every prisoner has the right to submit an appeal against his detention up to and including the Supreme Court.

**The decision to expel particular agitators or terrorists was not taken arbitrarily or lightly. Expulsion orders have rarely been issued. They have been carried out only in extreme cases where other measures have not succeeded in stopping hostile activity.**

Those expelled were neither innocent activists nor peaceful demonstrators, but individuals prominent in instigating and perpetrating violence-related acts. Many of those expelled were leaders of local PLO groups, and some even bear direct responsibility for acts of terror and murder committed under PLO orders. Among those expelled were several who were tried and convicted of terrorism, and who were later released from prison as a result of the 1985 prisoner exchange with the PLO Jibril faction. Although as a condition of their release these convicts committed themselves to refrain from all terrorist activities, they disregarded this pledge. Others were prominent in local extremist Islamic fundamentalist organizations, such as the Islamic Jihad.

Each and every one of the individuals who received an expulsion order was given the opportunity to submit an appeal to Israel's Supreme Court.

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The demolition of a structure is one of the security measures which, according to the Fourth Geneva Convention, is permitted under international law when demanded by imperative military considerations. Given its nature and the fact that individuals other than the security offender can be affected by this sanction, it has been employed only in exceptional circumstances.

Demolition orders are subject to the rulings of the Israeli Supreme Court. The court has, on a number of occasions, examined the legal and factual requirements for sealing or demolition orders and has set careful guidelines for the application of this measure. In one such case, after an Israeli woman was killed when her car was stoned, an order was issued by the Israeli authorities to seal the houses of those responsible. In its examination of the order, the court wrote that although as a consequence of it, members of the families of the suspects . . . are likely to suffer . . . "the sanction . . . is surely not for the purpose of punishing them, but for the purpose of deterring those who disturb the order, and who by their conduct cause serious and fatal injuries to others who are also innocent."

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Government and non-governmental hospitals in Judea-Samaria and the Gaza District have continued to function over the last few months. Patients suffering from illness or injury are treated in these hospitals or are referred to Israeli hospitals on the basis of medical needs. Over the last 21 years, the introduction of sophisticated medical equipment, the improvement of professional standards of service through training programs, and the expansion of medical facilities to include new specialty departments and operating rooms ensure proper medical care from local residents.

The IDF avoids entering hospitals. On those few occasions when it had to enter to apprehend rioters who had taken refuge in the medical facilities and even donned medical gowns, the IDF action was taken in the presence of a senior officer and under his orders. Force was used only to subdue individuals who resisted arrest, and not against innocent hospital patients.

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In keeping with Israel's commitment to the principle of freedom of association and labor rights, bona fide trade union activity in Judea-Samaria and the Gaza District faces no restriction or limitation. Since local pre-1967 laws in the territories did not deal with all the needs which have since arisen,. a number of labor ordinances have been issued to deal with such issues as the settlement of labor disputes, minimum working age, compulsory work accident insurance, and improved labor benefits such as sick-leave, paid vacation, and health insurance.

Numerous trade unions are in operation, and as long as they are engaged in genuine trade union activities no action is taken against them. However, when unions have been used as fronts for violent activity, when their leaders and infrastructure have been linked with and receive instructions from various terror factions, Israel has taken action against the specific offices and individuals involved. Printed flyers, weapons and explosives, and orders that called for violent activity were uncovered in labor union offices, and statements admitting to their complicity in terrorism were made by labor union figures.

Mahmoud Ziadeh, chairman of the Workers' Federation Bloc, which is affiliated wtih Naif Hawatmeh's Marxist-Leninist Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP), has long been a senior local activist of the DFLP and was imprisoned several times for his role in the PLO faction's terror activities.

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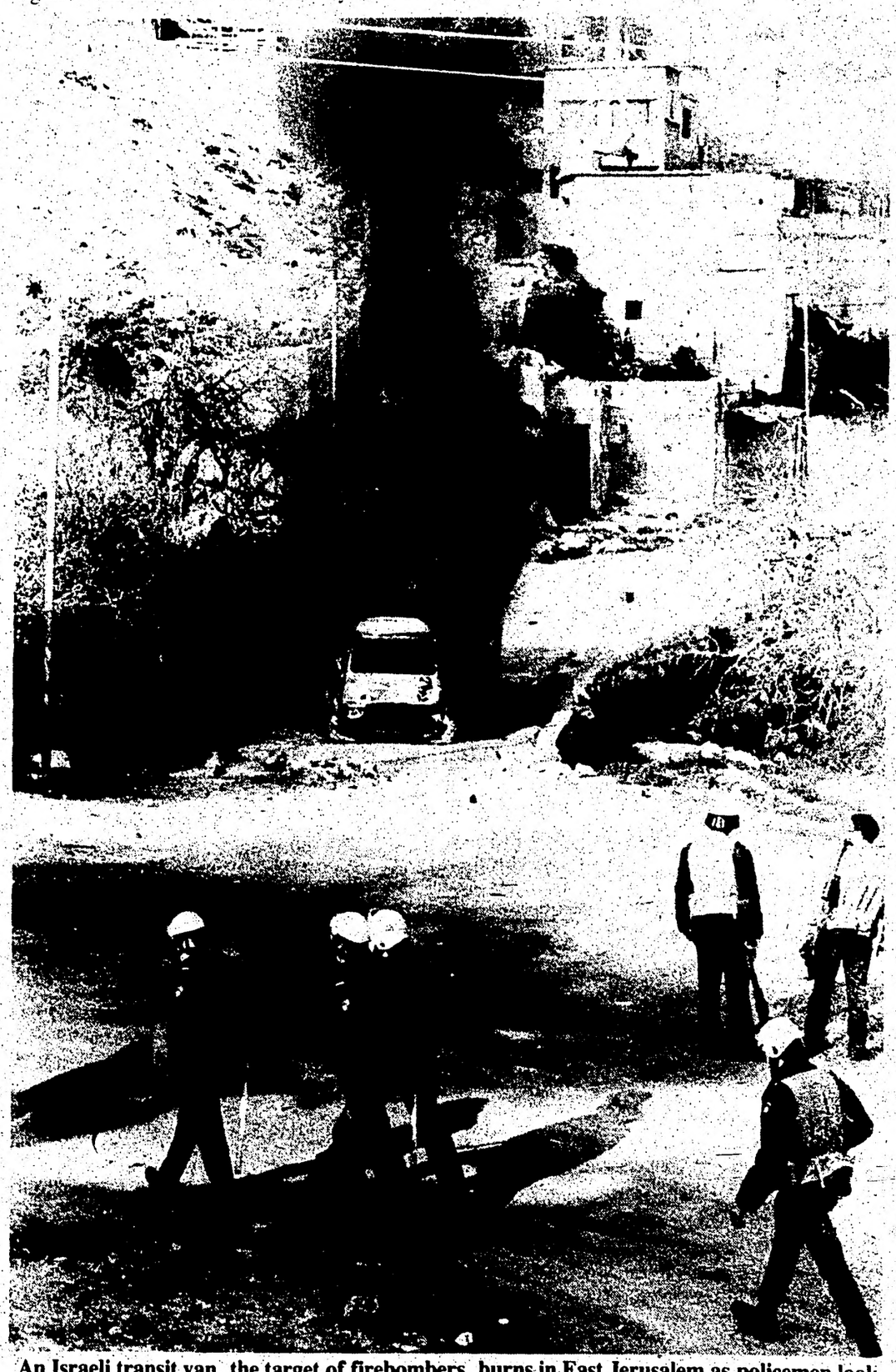
Within the context of massive human rights abuse throughout the Arab world, the special focus on Israel takes the issue entirely out of perspective. Instead of devoting public scrutiny to regimes which use every means at their disposal to silence and crush all potential and actual dissent, Israel is made the main topic of attention.

Other countries of the Middle East lack the most basic elements of human rights — freedom of speech, freedom of the press, free elections, equality for women, freedom of religion, freedom of association — and opponents, instead of facing television cameras, face execution. These countries do not have to defend themselves against self-declared foes who continue to aim for their demise. Yet, these nations do not draw the enormous degree of attention that Israel receives for measures taken in defence of its security needs and in accordance with international law.



**An Israeli transit van, the target of firebombers, burns in East Jerusalem as policemen look on. [IPPA photo]**

# Opinion

## Ferment reported by Toronto visitor

# Glasnost spurs cultural reawakening in Lithuania

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Members of Lithuania's new Maccabi Sports Club.

TORONTO —

*Glasnost*, Mikhail Gorbachev's policy of openness, is creating channels of change in the Soviet republic of Lithuania. The ferment, which accommodates expressions of long-repressed Lithuanian nationalism, is having a direct, positive effect on the Jewish community.

**Dmitri Kanovich, a Canadian of Lithuanian Jewish origin who visited his birthplace last month, was astounded by the changes.**

**"They're unbelievable," he said in an interview.**

For the past few years, the Soviet authorities have tolerated a kind of political and cultural pluralism in Lithuania that would have been inconceivable prior to the advent of *glasnost*.

Lithuanian has become an official language; the red, yellow and green flag of pre-war independent Lithuania has been reinstated; ancient historical street names has been brought back; religious freedom is a concept whose time has come.

Sajudis, the mass-movement Lithuanian popular front formed in 1987, has played a crucial role in these developments.

**And Sajudis, Kanovich claims, has encouraged a Jewish cultural reawakening.**

Kanovich, a 35-year-old senior systems analyst, returned to Vilnius (Vilna), his hometown, for the first time since emigrating in 1983. Until quite recently, Soviet emigres had problems obtaining entry visas. Kanovich is all but convinced that he would have been denied permission to visit Lithuania had he applied in the pre-Gorbachev era.

In Vilnius, a major centre of Jewish scholarship before the Holocaust, Kanovich visited his father, Jacob, a noted Jewish writer whose novels have been published in Israel and throughout Europe, and his brother, Sergei, a linguist/editor. He arrived on Jan. 20 and left on Jan. 31.

Lithuania, with a population of 3.6 million, is home to a Jewish community of 14,000. Before Lithuania's forcible annexation by the Soviet Union in June of 1940, the Jewish population was 160,000. Renowned for their special dialect of Yiddish, the Litvaks were known for their pungency and sharp-wittedness.

During the early years of the Soviet occupation, Zionism and Bundism were eradicated while Jewish social groups and organizations were snuffed out. Religious life was trampled underfoot and Yiddish, as a manifestation of prohibited Jewish culture, went into decline.

The Nazi occupation, lasting from 1941 to 1944, devastated Lithuanian Jewry. Nine out of 10 Jews were killed by Germans and their local collaborators.

Dmitri Kanovich grew up in a Jewish community bereft of spirit and beset by restrictions. "We were raised with no Jewish traditions. We were deprived of all that."

The Soviet Union in 1940.

His father, however, who writes under the name of Gregory Kanovich, earned his living as a novelist specializing in Jewish themes. His books, which have yet to be translated into English, include *Candles in the Wind* (a trilogy), *There's No Paradise for Slaves* and *Tears and Prayers of Fools*.

Thanks to their father's vocation, Kanovich and his brother were not altogether cut off from their Jewish heritage.

Kanovich, who has an MA degree in mathematics and economics from Vilnius University, worked in the Institute of Economics of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences. His decision to emigrate, he says, was motivated in equal parts by a perception that his Jewishness would hinder his advancement and by an impression that his Lithuanian wife's career as a pianist would be stifled because members of her family had been exiled to Siberia.

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Dmitri Kanovich

**Kanovich's visit to Lithuania, far from being just a pleasure trip, was an exercise in personal discovery, a chance to witness the revitalization of a Jewish community that Stalinism had gutted.**

His findings:

•A Lithuanian Jewish Cultural Society was established and legalized in August of 1988. It's headed by Emmanuel Zingeris, a philosophy professor who is one of two Jews who sits on the council of Sajudis.

According to Kanovich, the Lithuanian Jewish Cultural Society has organized a plethora of events — an exhibition of Jewish art in Kaunas (the second largest city in Lithuania); meetings to commemorate the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, the liquidation of the Vilna ghetto and a wartime massacre in a town called Paneriai; Chanukah celebrations this past December in Vilnius' biggest restaurant, attended by Lithuanian government representatives.

**The Lithuanian Jewish Cultural Society, which will hold its first constituent meeting in March, is credited with convincing local authorities to build what apparently will be the first Holocaust memorial in the Soviet Union. The monument is to include seven bronze bas-relief tablets designed by a Lithuanian-born American sculptor, Arbit Blatas, the husband of mezzo-soprano Regina Resnik.**

•The Maccabi Sports Club was reconstituted in January of this year. It has 565 members, and is housed in an old movie theatre donated by the Lithuanian government. Its official slogan is Am Yisrael Chai. Temple Har Zion, a Toronto Reform synagogue of which Kanovich is a member, has contributed an undisclosed amount of seed money. (Further information about its activities can be obtained by writing to Partizanu 10/2, Vilnius 232024, Lithuania SSR).

•Courses in Yiddish were introduced to two Lithuanian schools in Vilnius in September and November of 1988.

•Lithuanian state radio has begun broadcasting a half-hour Yiddish program every month.

•Funds are being raised for the construction of a Jewish museum in Vilnius and for the renovation of Vilnius' only synagogue (which has no rabbi).

## Kanovich observes "unbelievable" changes in his former home

•The Jewish cemetery in Kaunas, which had been doomed under an urban development plan, was saved after the Lithuanian Jewish Cultural Society intervened.

•A campaign to rename former Jewish street signs (Gaon and Mapu) has been undertaken.

**Kanovich reports that the Lithuanian government has been most sympathetic in all these endeavors.**

**"Lithuanians are positive to Jews. The atmosphere is very positive to Jews right now. All this would have been impossible without *glasnost* and without the help of Sajudis, which is fighting the legacy of anti-semitism and chauvinism. The leaders of Sajudis know that the way they treat Jews is the way the world will treat them."**

Significantly enough, he adds, the central authorities in Moscow have not opposed any of these moves.

Although some Lithuanian Jews have a desire to emigrate, the majority want to remain where they are and rekindle Jewish life, he explains.

"It's important, as my father says, to leave a trace. If we don't, we're traitors, people without conscience."

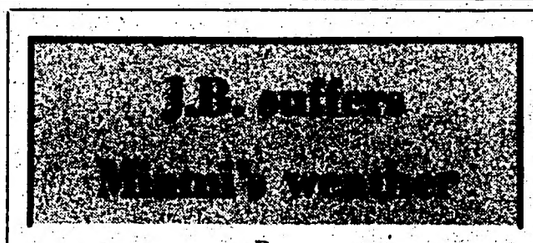
Kanovich says that Lithuanian Jewish leaders "dream" of building a community centre modeled on the one which opened in Moscow last week.

In parting, he has a message for the Jews of the Diaspora.

"Lithuanian Jews feel alone. They want to believe that they haven't been forgotten. They would like to see Jews from around the world supporting them."

The Kaunas Maccabi soccer team in the 1930s.

# Opinion




By
J. B. SALSBERG

"I want to go home," cried JB in a long distance phone call to The CJN from Florida. "But they don't let me."

Who's they?

"My friends. They got me to pay all costs in advance."

So how's the weather?

"Ah, as good as they ever saw in years. There hasn't been a cloudy day since I arrived here two weeks ago . . . The temperature is in the 80s."

Hummph!

J. B. Salsberg

**JB also said that Feb. 15 was observed in Miami as Canada's Yiddish Day. Yiddishists gathered at a YIVO function to celebrate the 80th birthday of Canadian poet Peretz Miransky. Miransky had a bad cold and he couldn't come. His wife read his speech for him. And . . . Enough. JB says he may devote a column to this after he gets back.**

He's scheduled to return March 2.

## First Black to head major political party

# *Jewish Democrats support Brown*

**WASHINGTON (JTA) —**

Six leading Jewish Democrats have moved swiftly to assuage concern in the Jewish community over the election of Ronald Brown as chairman of the Democratic Party.

They also sought to assure Brown, who managed Rev. Jesse Jackson's campaign for the presidency last year, that as of now he has the support of Jewish Democrats.

**Brown was elected unanimously by the Democratic National Committee as the first Black to head either major political party.**

"We offer you our congratulations and our readiness to cooperate with you in the shaping of policies and strategies that will merit the continuing overwhelming support of Jewish Americans, along with that of all Americans," the six, all of whom were co-chairmen of the National Jewish Leadership Council in support of the Dukakis-Bentsen campaign, told Brown.

They pointed out that Jews gave more than 70% of their vote to Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis in his campaign for the presidency as well as to Democratic congressional candidates.

Their message was in the form of a letter delivered to Brown by Hyman Bookbinder, former Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee and a special advisor to Dukakis on Jewish affairs during the campaign.

### Seen as too liberal

Although all other candidates for the chairman's post dropped off during the last six weeks, opposition to Brown did not only come from Jews concerned about his role in the Jackson campaign.

The chief opposition, particularly from Southern Democratic leaders, was that Brown, who also worked in the campaigns of Sen. Edward Kennedy, would present too liberal an image.

In his acceptance speech, Brown stressed that as chairman, his job is not to set policy, but to win elections for Democrats.

"I accept this responsibility beholden to no individual, afraid of no faction, and pledged to no institution except the Democratic Party and our members," the 47-year-old Washington lawyer said.

Bookbinder said that Brown promised that the Jewish community will have complete access to him.

**"I've known Brown for over 20 years and he has always understood the Jewish interest, Jewish concerns," Bookbinder said.**

He said that Brown has been involved for years in Black-Jewish relations and actually has had more contacts with the Jewish community than Paul Kirk did when he became chairman.

Thomas Dine, executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, said Brown, as well as the other candidates for Democratic chairman, "all support sustaining the U.S.-Israel cooperation."

While stressing that AIPAC did not endorse anyone for the post, Dine said he has known the new Democratic chairman for years. "He is a very able person" and "an independent thinker," Dine said.

He noted that Brown has been to Israel three times. "He knows the concerns of the American pro-Israel community well," Dine said. "I consider Ron an ally in our collective efforts to keep the U.S.-Israel relationship close and strong."

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 200 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.*

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### NAZIS "TOTALLY TERMINATED"

As one who escaped from German extermination as a teenager, I'd like to comment on Rabbi Gunther Plaut's recent column on controversy over the term "exterminate" when referring to the Nazis' mass slaughter of 6 million Jews.

**The Nazi ideology considered Jews as "unter menschen" — that is, subhumans who had to be stamped out like cockroaches.**

To express that method of planned total destruction of life graphically, Western languages chose the Latin verb, "exterminare."

That word translates into "totally terminating forever." And that was, of course, the fully intended and irreversible meaning of Nazi Germany's Final Solution.

**Frederick Rose**
**Toronto**

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### HOPE FOR REFUSENIKS?

A recent report from Moscow in The New York Times suggested there may be new hope for Jewish Refuseniks who are still being refused exit visas from the Soviet Union.

The report said that the Soviet literary magazine, Neva, had broken a taboo by publishing a scathing attack on the Communist Party, including the first irreverent barbs targeted at Mikhail Gorbachev.

It portrayed the Soviet leader as a pitiful figure who is being outwitted by the powerful "new class" of managerial bureaucrats opposed to change.

**And it described the Communist system as one in which "the best people die of heartbreak or go to prison."**

The fact that such freedom of critical expression is now tolerated indicates that perhaps Jews now cooped up in Siberian labor camps may also be given their freedom.

**Ezra Gold**
**Toronto**

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### DISPUTES OUR ISRAEL STORY

I wish to take issue with three elements of the David Lazarus article from Jerusalem in your Dec. 22 Montreal edition headed "Canadian-Israel difficulties cited."

• I am quoted as talking to a group of Jewish-Canadian participants of the recent Operation Solidarity mission at a briefing session held in the Jerusalem Hyatt Hotel.

However, the sole aim of their visit was to explore means of encouraging tourism to Israel. In my talk, therefore, I did not touch upon the question of Israel's relations with Canada.

• In the question-and-answer period, I may have said that if there were problems in our relations, "we should try to iron them out." But I did not, and would not, pass judgment on Canada's minister of external affairs, Joe Clark, or members of his staff.

**We have well-functioning, open lines of communication with our Canadian colleagues through embassies in Tel Aviv and Ottawa. If there is anything we wish to say to each other, we effectively use these channels.**

• I do not recall that anyone at the meeting introduced himself as your correspondent or, for that matter, that anyone told me of press representatives being in the room.

**Michael Shiloh**
**Director, North American desk,**
**Israel Ministry of**
**Foreign Affairs**
**Jerusalem**

*Staff reporter David Lazarus, representing The CJN on the Operation Solidarity mission, replies: All of Mr. Shiloh's comments, including those passing judgment on Joe Clark and the Canadian bureaucracy, are direct quotes transcribed from a tape of the question-and-answer session, provided to The CJN by a group participant.*

*The CJN did not conceal its presence. I was seated in clear view at a front table taking notes. In fact, in order for everyone on the tour (coming from different Canadian cities) to become better acquainted, participants (including myself) stood up individually and identified themselves during the course of the evening.*

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### HE REMEMBERS RABBLE-ROUSER

I read with interest Sheldon Kirshner's excellent Feb. 22 review of the Glen Jeansonne biography of that anti-semitic rabble-rouser, *Gerald L. K. Smith: Minister of Hate.*

**The article brought back memories of 1949, when I was a soldier in the U.S. Army stationed in Denver and the Christian Nationalist Crusade organized a rally there.**

I attended in uniform and heard the great orator devastate Eleanor Roosevelt and Jewish-Americans.

When I rose to say something, he said that he respected the uniform I wore, but that *he* had rented the hall and if I wanted to propagandize, I should rent my own hall.

**Klaus Herrmann**
**Montreal**

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### SLAMS "SLEIGHT OF MOUTH"

Michael Kay ("Canada's pro-PLO hypocrisy") engages in more than a little "sleight of mouth" in his Jan. 26 letter.

In complaining about Canada's role vis-a-vis the PLO he talks about the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza as "refugees," comparing them to the refugees coming to Canada.

He conveniently slides over the fact that those territories are not part of the State of Israel nor have they ever been.

**The West Bank and Gaza are a portion of the land designated as Arab Palestine by the UN partition plan of 1947, accepted by Israel at the time, and now accepted by the PLO. Most of the Palestinians living there have roots going back for centuries.**

The refugees who do live in the West Bank and Gaza are mainly Palestinians who fled Israel to those sectors in 1947 and 1948 (with more than a little assistance from the Irgun and the Haganah, as recent declassified Israeli documents show).

So it is misleading to make any comparison between the refugees fleeing persecution in their countries of origin, and Palestinians living in their country of origin attempting to liberate themselves from what, they and most of the rest of the world, consider to be foreign domination.

**Judith Weisman**
**Toronto**

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**Sharon (Hampson), (left), Lois (Lillienstein) and Bram (Morrison) extend thanks on their 10th birthday as a trio.**

### KUDOS FROM JEWISH TRIO

Using the first names of our trio, Sharon, Lois and Bram, it's now our 10th year of singing for Canadian children and their families.

So we pause to look back at the many journalists who have supported us in the development of our career.

**We would like to extend a special thanks to your arts editor-critic, Frank Rasky, who noted our concerts and helped us feel that what we are doing is worthwhile.**

We intend to keep it up for a good while yet.

**Sharon Hampson**
**Lois Lillienstein**
**Bram Morrison**
**Toronto**

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### REUNION OF REFUGEE CHILDREN

In 1939, 150 Jewish children were rescued from Germany and Austria, and brought to France, where they were assigned to various childrens' homes.

They were later joined by the children of the St. Louis."

These homes included Montmorency, Tourelles, Eaubonne, Montintin/Chevrettes, Brout-Vernet and Masgellier.

**In 1941, three transports left France and travelled via Spain and Portugal to the United States.**

**Of the children left behind in France, some escaped to Switzerland (later immigrating to the U.S. and Israel after the war), while many others perished in Nazi death camps.**

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre is seeking to locate individuals from the homes listed above for a reunion to take place in March. Please contact me.

**Rabbi Abraham Cooper**
**Simon Wiesenthal Centre**
**9760 West Pico Blvd.**
**Los Angeles, 90035**

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### WHY OMIT SON'S RESORT?

We were disappointed in the Jan. 19 travel article by James Montagnes on Austrian Swiss ski resorts.

We were wondering why he left out Verbier, Switzerland, a small village of chalets hanging nearly one mile in the air on the sun-facing flank of Val de Bagnes.

Our son, Mark-Shapiro, described as the "best action ski photographer in the Alps," has been living in Verbier, his base in Europe, for the past 18 years.

My husband, myself and our family are extremely proud of his many accomplishments.

**Geraldine and Sam Shapiro**
**Hamilton, Ont.**

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### THANKS FOR DIABETES STORY

Our sincere thanks to Ben Rose for his excellent coverage of the recent meeting of the Jewish Diabetes Chapter of the Canadian Diabetes Association.

We meet every other month at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, providing a support service beyond the doctor's office, as well as help in catering to special dietary laws of Jewish diabetics.

Esther Schwartz at (416) 782-2176 or myself at 225-1989 will gladly provide further information.

**Shirley Glatt**
**Toronto**

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### KINGSTON'S 240 JEWISH FAMILIES

May I congratulate Ben Rose on his excellent article concerning the Chair In Jewish Studies at Queen's University.

The Jewish community in Kingston is indeed proud of the efforts expended on behalf of this important project.

May I respectfully point out that Mr. Rose's figures concerning Kingston's Jewish community are underestimated. There are 135 families associated with the Beth Israel Congregation (Orthodox), 30 families with Iyr Hamelech (Reform) and 50-75 unaffiliated families.

**Rabbi Howard Finkelstein**
**Kingston, Ont.**

# World-National

## Cohen fatally stabbed near Zion Gate

# *Israeli soldier attacked while on way to prayers*

By ANDY COURT

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Shlomo ("Shlomi") Cohen, 21, was fatally stabbed Saturday afternoon near the Zion Gate of Jerusalem's Old City in what police believe was a terrorist attack.

Cohen, of Jerusalem's Old Katamon neighborhood, was a sergeant in the army, but he was unarmed and not in uniform when he and a friend were attacked on their way to pray at the Western Wall.

The incident was the first to occur outside the southwestern corner of the Old City's walls, an area that is close to West Jerusalem and is frequented by many Israelis and tourists.

The Zion Gate has been regarded by some Jewish Jerusalemites as the safest way to reach the Western Wall now that the uprising has discouraged many people from walking through the Moslem Quarter.

Cohen was walking towards the Western Wall with a friend at about 2 p.m. on Saturday. As they entered an alley that threads beween the walls of the Old City and those of the Dormition Abbey on Mt. Zion, they encountered a group of five young Arab men, according to Shahar Ayalon, a senior Jerusalem police officer. Two or three members of the group ran ahead of them. They approached them from the front, and one of them stabbed Cohen with a knife.

The attackers then fled towards the Old City. Paramedics tried to revive Cohen, but without success.

A large force of police arrived on the scene and arrested dozens of Arabs in the area. Israel television reported that police had collected some important evidence, possibly including the knife the attacker used.

The stabbing murder of Shlomi Cohen near the Old City was a result of talks between Israeli politicians and West Bank Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini, according to sources in the Prime Minister's Office.

This conclusion was the latest manifestation of the Prime Minister's Office's continuing campaign against such meetings.

The Prime Minister's Office stated that the "useless and unauthorized" meetings between Israeli politicians and PLO supporters such as Husseini serve to "encourage PLO terrorism."

The statement came as the circle of political figures meeting with Husseini widened.

The Palestinian activist has held three rounds of talks with Israelis. Last Thursday, he met with Shinui-Centre leaders Amnon Rubinstein and Avraham Poraz. During the two previous nights, Husseini and other Palestinians met with Labor's Yossi Beilin, Haim Ramon and Avraham Burg, as well as Mapam's Yair Tsaban.

# Panel to probe Wallenberg's fate

MONTREAL (JTA) — A 5-nation commission that will try once and for all to determine the fate of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg expects to present its findings next May to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, human rights activist Samuel Pisar said at a news conference here last week.

The commission consists of Sweden and the three countries that have awarded Wallenberg honorary citizenship — the United States, Canada and Israel.

In addition, Mikhail Chlenov, president of the Jewish Cultural Association in Moscow, will assist the commission with his expertise.

**According to Pisar, an international lawyer who is an advisor to French President Francois Mitterrand, three Western European leaders, Mitterrand, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany, have each told Gorbachev they personally want to see the mystery surrounding Wallenberg solved.**

Gorbachev responded by giving orders to cast light on the subject, Pisar said.

Pisar, an American Jew who was an advisor to the late President John Kennedy, will represent the United States on the Wallenberg investigation commission.

**Irwin Cotler, a professor of law at McGill University in Montreal, will represent Canada, and Gideon Hausner, the Israeli lawyer who prosecuted Adolf Eichmann, will represent Israel.**

Wallenberg is credited with saving some 100,000 Jews in Hungary from deportation to Nazi death camps in the final year of World War II, by sheltering them in the Swedish legation in Budapest and providing Swedish documents.

He was arrested by the Red Army when it entered Budapest in 1945 and has not been heard from since.

The Russians first disclaimed knowledge of his whereabouts. Later they said he died in a Soviet prison in 1947.

But persistent reports over the years from reliable sources said Wallenberg had been seen alive.

# *Shamir shows gain in polls*

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has gained 13 points in popularity since the Nov. 1 Knesset elections, while his political foe, Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, suffered an 11.6% decline, according to an opinion poll published in Ha'aretz.

It was conducted by the Pori Research Institute among 1,200 Israelis, who were asked to rate the various government ministers on job performance.

**Peres, who became finance minister in the new Likud-Labor coalition government, dropped from a 33.9% approval rating before the elections to 22.3% now.**

A foreign minister in the last government, Peres is the only minister in the present government to show a decline.

Shamir, who succeeded himself as Prime Minister last November, rose in approval from 27.8% to 40%.

**But the most popular member of the government is Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a hardline Laborite whose favorable job rating went from 46.2% to 55%. Rabin was defence minister in the previous government.**

Foreign Minister Moshe Arens of Likud received a 46.3% approval rating, compared with 39.4% who were satisfied with his performance as a defence minister when he left that office in July 1986.

## Chinese envoy meets with Israeli counterpart

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Israel's acting ambassador to the United Nations, Yohanan Bein, met recently with Chinese Ambassador Lee Lu Ya to discuss the establishment of a regular channel of communications between the two delegations.

Officials in Jerusalem said the meeting focused on the frequency of future discussions and the issues to be debated, but no decision was reached.

The meeting followed recent Paris talks between Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and his Chinese counterpart, in which it was agreed that the UN would be the focus of regular official contacts between the two countries.

## *Mapam Knesset member upset at Sephardi rabbi*

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — **Mapam Knesset member Yair Tsaban has asked Religious Affairs Minister Zevulun Hammer and Attourney-General Yosef Harish to take steps against Rabbi Yosef Bar Shalom, Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Bat Yam, for maintaining that "Hitler destroyed the Ashkenazi Jews of Europe because of their atheism."**

**He also said, "Hitler was the emissary of the Almighty who was ordered to spare Sephardi Jewry because of their loyalty to the Torah."**

## The Name Game

**There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.**

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**NAVERAN — NAVARON**

Shirley Naveran, of Montreal, enquires about the origin of her surname of her late father who came from Lithuania.

Her letter underscores the importance of disclosing all available information. Without knowing that her father was a Litvak, I might have associated his name with NAWARI (pronounced NAVARY) in the Ukraine (near LVOV), or NAWRA (pronounced NAVRA) in Poland (near CHELM), but any doubt is resolved by discovering the shtetl of NAVARON in northern Lithuania.


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**Salary will be commensurate with experience.**

**Please reply by March 3, 1989 to Phillip Leon, chairman of the search committee, P.O.B 7258, Ancaster, Ontario, L9G 3N6.**

# A LAWYER REPLIES...

By JOHN SYRTASH

**JOHN SYRTASH is a Toronto lawyer whose preferred area of practice is divorce family law. His advice is in general terms only and not meant to replace a personal consultation with a lawyer. Questions can be mailed to him at Poole Milligan Hutchinson Syrtash, Suite 300, 2040 Yonge St., Toronto M4S 1Z9.**

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**Question:** I was married to my husband by a Toronto rabbi but we never obtained an Ontario marriage licence and the rabbi was not authorized to solemnize marriages in Ontario. I am now contemplating separation. Am I married under Ontario law and do I enjoy the same rights as married spouses?

**Answer:** So long as you solemnized your marriage in good faith and intended to be married and have lived together then, in most cases, you are married under Ontario law and enjoy the same rights as someone married with a proper licence. Of course, if you were under the legal age or did not have the mental capacity to enter the marriage then it could be called into question.

**Question:** I am Jewish and my spouse is Gentile. We are in the midst of a custody dispute and I suspect that my spouse will attempt to raise the child as a non-Jew. If I simply boarded the next plane and flew to Israel would I be protected by Israeli law from having to return with the child to Canada and what would be the consequences of my taking such action under Canadian law?

**Answer:** It has long been assumed that once you arrive in Israel, no Israeli court would return a Jewish child to a Gentile parent outside of Israel. However, recently the Courts in Israel have taken a harsh attitude to arbitrary action taken by one parent in this matter, particularly if there is an outstanding court order or law that the Jewish parent has disobeyed.

## Criminal offence

The courts in different countries have respect for each other's jurisdiction and decisions.

Moreover, kidnapping your own child is a criminal offence in Canada, punishable by as much as 10 years in prison.

**Question:** What is so important about a Jewish religious divorce? Why should I bother to get one? How do I do it and what happens if my spouse refuses to consent?

**Answer:** Jewish law prescribes that divorce is available on the consent of both spouses. Without a proper Jewish divorce or "get" you cannot remarry within the faith of traditional Judaism even though you may be civilly divorced. Any children of a subsequent relationship may be impaired from marrying within the faith since they would be considered to be mamzirs (bastards) and could then only marry converts or other mamzirs. This problem would continue to their children and their children's children lasting for several generations.

Consequently, even if you may not be an observant Jew the importance of having a proper religious divorce could have an impact on succeeding generations.

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To instruct you as to how the get procedure can be arranged ask your rabbi or, in Toronto telephone Rabbi Mordechai Ochs (416-781-9676) of the Beth Din. In Montreal telephone Rabbi A. Niznick (514-739-6363). It is inexpensive and quick, as long as both parties consent. In the event that a consent cannot be obtained then, under Ontario law, it is now possible to obtain the civil court's assistance in procuring your spouse's consent by threatening to deny him his normal rights to divide property at the dissolution of a marriage or to defend a law suit brought for such distribution or for spousal or child support. In Quebec and the rest of Canada there is, as yet, no legislative remedy to assist agunah (women left in limbo). Notwithstanding the unqualified success of the Ontario legislation, the federal government has yet to introduce similar provisions in the Federal Divorce Act.

# Television film on hijacking unremarkable

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

**Last week, NBC-TV broadcast a 2-hour movie, *The Hijacking of the Achille Lauro*, starring Karl Malden and Lee Grant.**

TORONTO —

The autumn of 1985 was a busy, bloody time in the Middle East.

Three Israelis were assassinated in Larnaca, Cyprus, prompting a devastating Israeli air raid on PLO headquarters near Tunis.

**And then there was the saga of the Achille Lauro, an Italian luxury cruise liner hijacked by five desperate Palestinian terrorists.**

The Achille Lauro case was indeed an example of international terrorism.

Leon Klinghoffer, the passenger killed by the gunmen, was an American Jew, an elderly man confined to a wheelchair.

After Syria turned down the terrorists' request for temporary haven, Egypt intervened.

The Egyptian government made available a plane to the terrorists which was to fly them to an unknown destination in the Middle East. In midair, U.S. fighter jets intercepted the aircraft and forced it to land in a NATO base in Sicily.

There, the hijackers were identified by Klinghoffer's widow, Marilyn. Later, they had their day in court.

**Mohammed Abul Abbas, the ringleader, was a member of the PLO's executive committee. He was sentenced to life imprisonment but escaped to Yugoslavia. He is wanted by the U.S.**

Mohammed Abul Abbas

His accomplices were given long prison terms — 30 years, 25 years, 16 years and 16 years and six months.

It was inevitable, I suppose, that television would eventually seize on the Achille Lauro hijacking.

**It's an unremarkable production, thankfully low-key but also lacking in genuine drama.**

Leon Klinghoffer (Malden), the hapless victim of the terrorists' rage, is portrayed as a loving husband and devoted father of two daughters. Marilyn Klinghoffer (Grant) reciprocates these feelings. All in all, it's a close-knit Jewish family.

Greasy and sleazy in appearance, the terrorists are a nervous, hysterical bunch of thugs who shoot up the dining room with their machineguns and further intimidate the passengers by yelling, "Israeli? Israeli?"

Leon Klinghoffer is utterly contemptuous of them, and maybe that's why he was chosen to die. Certainly, that's the impression we're left with.

The film tries to be fair to the terrorists. At one point, one of them says, "You understand? Me. No home... Palestine good. America no good. Palestine good..."

Then the grand speech: "Zionists drive us out, take our land, take our house... Stranger gets rich from my stolen land... We fight for what is ours."

So the terrorists are not merely common criminals but liberation fighters, albeit nasty, brutish ones.

**Poignant moments are few and far between and virtually the only moving scenes occur in the last several minutes, when Marilyn Klinghoffer receives news of her husband's tragic demise.**

Despite the rather anemic quality of *The Hijacking of the Achille Lauro*, the Klinghoffers' children can take solace from one fact: their parents are depicted with grace and dignity.

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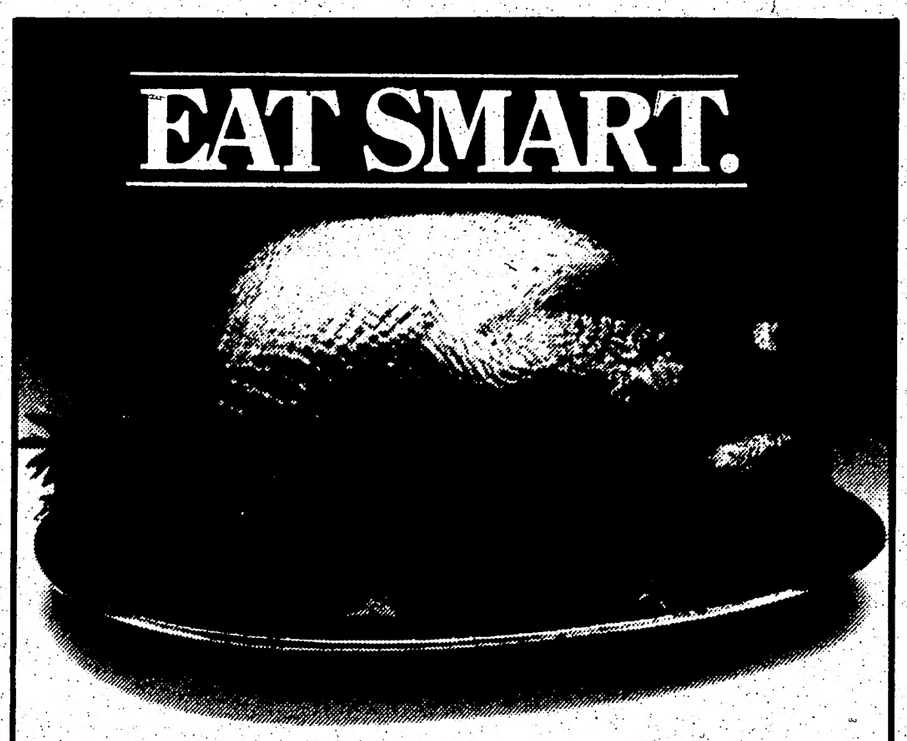

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# World-National

## Shamir backs Histadrut bailout

# *PM defuses Likud criticism of Peres' policies*

By DAVID LANDAU
JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir intervened swiftly with his own Likud party last week to defuse the first political crisis with its Labor partners since the unity coalition government was formed Dec. 22.

**Shamir rushed to the defence of Finance Minister Shimon Peres, the Labor Party leader, who was under savage attack by Likud Knesset members for his proposed bailout of ailing Histadrut enterprises.**

Shamir let it be known through his spokesman that he was supporting Peres.

He was joined by Deputy Premier David Levy, who reminded the bristling Likud critics that Peres is finance minister in a unity government, and his policies are binding on the entire cabinet, Likud and Labor alike.

For a short time, however, it seemed that Likud had a powerful tool with which to bash Labor two weeks before the Feb. 28 municipal elections.

**They accused Peres of pandering to Histadrut to save its tottering economic empire.**

Matters came to a head when Peres, after weeks of tense bargaining, averted a one-day general strike called by Histadrut that would have idled a million people and paralyzed the country.

The outstanding issue was cost-of-living increments to compensate wage earners for the soaring price index.

The facts and figures remain a matter of intense dispute.

It appears, however, that the two most powerful Histadrut bosses, Secretary General Yisrael Kessar and Haim Haberfeld, head of the trade unions department, settled for a rather anemic deal.

While inflation is running at about 12%, the result of slashed price subsidies and devaluation of the shekel, wage-earners will get only a 6% rise in their cost-of-living allowances.

Moreover, its payment will be spread over 13 months.

Kessar and Haberfeld accepted the deal after the usual blustering and dire threats of labor sanctions.

But they had good reason to be pleased with the government's generous handouts, by courtesy of Peres, to shore up Histadrut's failing business enterprises.

Kupat Holim, Histadrut's financially strapped health care agency, also will be helped, as will the trade union federation's unemployment and retraining program.

**Peres claimed these outlays will cost the Treasury less than $110 million and are in the national interest.**

Officials in his own finance ministry say the cost will be at least double that figure.

Likud politicians, eager to eke out every possible gain in the upcoming local elections, leaped to the attack.

"Robbery," "cat guarding the cream," "anti-government" were some of the milder epithets hurled at Peres by Likud backbenchers in the Knesset.

**At a meeting of their Knesset faction, some Likud members urged revolt, saying the party should not support the finance minister's proposals in parliament.**

**Peres responded quickly, telling a television interviewer that if Likud balked at his budget, the unity government was over.**

At that point, Shamir and Levy moved in to cool the atmosphere.

Their straightforward support of Peres in the interests of the coalition reassured the political community.

The two Likud leaders were also sending a broader message.

**They were reminding the party faithful that Likud preferred to have Peres at the Treasury, faced with the difficult and unpopular task of running the country's severely troubled economy, than as foreign minister, waving a peace plan of his own at odds with the ideas of Shamir and the Likud.**

# Weizman lambastes Likud leaders

LONDON (JPFS) —

**Science Minister Ezer Weizman has described Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu as "squareheads, on the borderline of fascist."**

**In an outspoken interview published in London by The Independent Weizman said that, as men lacking combat experience, Israel's team of foreign policy makers were hardly qualified to discuss Israel's security.**

**Weizman said the idea of the PLO destroying Israel made him "piddle myself with laughter."**

**With "one of the best air forces in the world" and "a good little army," he said, Israel had little to fear from the PLO. "They can cause problems. They are, to put it mildly, a nuisance. But anybody who throws bricks and bottles at you does it because he has no F-16s and no tanks."**

**Shamir, Arens and Netanyahu were being unrealistic in calling for an end to the intifada as a precondition for talks, he went on.**

**"If you wait for riots to stop for political solutions, you don't understand that riots started because there was no political solution. So to sit back and shout, 'Stop the riots first and then we'll talk to you,' is a lot of bullshit."**

**Weizman lamented the fact that he was "not allowed" to talk to Yasser Arafat, noting that only the PLO might have "authority on a solution between us and them. When people ask me, "Can you trust Arafat?' my answer is very simple: How the hell can I know, unless I talk to him?"**

**The Likud's Uzi Landau, reacting to Weizman's statements, said the former Air Force commander's political views proved "even a general's rank cannot compensate for the absence of common sense."**

# *Sephardi leader, Gaon, urges talks with PLO*

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Nessim Gaon, president of the World Sephardi Federation, urged the Israeli government recently to open a dialogue with "any of the Arabs . . . who has a mandate to negotiate for peace," including Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat.

Gaon, a businessman and philanthropist who lives in Geneva, wields considerable influence among Sephardic Jews worldwide.

He takes a profound interest in Israeli affairs, especially as they affect the Sephardic community.

Gaon, addressing the opening meeting of the Federation's presidium here, called on the government to "take risks for peace."

He warned that "If we continue to put off making peace with the Arab states, we only threaten ourselves, our family, our land.

"We must act before world public opinion acts for us," Gaon said, observing that "over 50 countries already recognize Arafat's claim to sovereignty and favor a dialogue for peace.

**"We should leave no stone unturned, lose no opportunity, go any distance in the search for peace. We must break the myth and false image that our people are intransigent, apathetic and opposed to dialogue with the Arabs," he said.**

The presidium was also addressed by Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, who justified Israel's refusal to talk to the PLO because "If we talk to them, that would be a proof that terrorism is worthwhile and that would give rise to further violence."

Arens insisted that "the main problem is the unwillingness of our neighbors to talk to us.

"It's hard to envision peace until Israel will sign peace treaties with Syria and her other neighbors," he said.

Gaon also addressed the emotionally charged Who Is a Jew issue, which threatened a deep split between Israel and diaspora Jewry. Gaon counselled tolerance and moderation.

**"We Sephardim love our Orthodox tradition," he said, "imbued as it is with love of the Jewish people, with moderation in our daily lives and with tolerance for the views of others.**

"Intolerance among Jews has become one of the most destructive elements of the state and people of Israel. It is unthinkable that one Jew can believe that he has permission to judge who is a Jew," Gaon said.

"Only God can touch the human soul in such a fundamental way."

# Israeli MKs, PLO to meet in New York

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —

**Several left-wing Knesset members are scheduled to meet PLO officials at a New York conference that will be the first entirely organized and funded by Israelis and Palestinians.**

**The conference, to be held March 10-12 at Columbia University, is being organized by New Outlook Magazine, Mapam, the Citizens' Rights Movement, and the Jerusalem Arabic weekly Al-Fajr.**

**Al-Fajr editor Hanna Siniora said the Palestinian side will be represented by, among others, himself, Faisal Husseini, Bir Zeit University's Sari Nusseibeh and a PLO delegation including "either or both Khaled el-Hassan and Bassam Abu Sharif." He declined to comment on reports from Mapam sources that PLO chief Yasser Arafat is considering attending.**

**Among the Israeli participants will be Knesset members Yair Tsaban (Mapam), Arie Eliav (Labor), and Shulamit Aloni and Yossi Sarid (Citizens' Rights Movement). Several university lecturers and writers are also expected to participate.**

## RIGHTEOUS GENTILES HONORED

**Israel Consul-General Benjamin Abileah (left) presents Yad Vashem Medal and Certificate of Honor for Righteous Gentiles to Kelowna resident Nel Imthorn and her son Henry, who received it on behalf of his late father Klaas. During World War II in their native Holland, the Imthorns sheltered and hid 22 Jews at various times from the Nazis (CJN Jan. 26). They were honored at a recent dinner organized by the Okanagan Jewish Community and attended by federal, provincial and local politicians, the Dutch consul general and a representative of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific Region.**


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# Nominations being accepted for top CJC posts

**MONTREAL —**
Nominations are now being accepted for the six elected national officers positions at Canadian Jewish Congress.

Those positions open for nominations are: president, chairman of the national executive, associate chairman of the national executive, treasurer, secretary and honorary counsel. Deadline for submissions is 4.45 p.m. (EST) April 6 at the national office in Montreal. Elections will be held May 7, 1-9 at the Plenary Assembly at Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

**The Plenary is the highest decision-making body within CJC. Held every three years, it is expected to attract more than 1,000 delegates from across the country. Registration commences through CJC regions the first week of March.**

At the 1986 Plenary in Toronto, Dorothy Reitman became the first woman to be elected president of CJC. Mira Koschitzky was voted chairman of the national executive and Alan Feld associate chairman. David Attis won as secretary. Joel Pinsky and Les Scheininger were acclaimed as treasurer and honorary counsel, respectively.

The rest of the executive body is composed of regional and community council representatives, honorary president, immediate past president, immediate past chairman of the national executive, two honorary officers and ad personam members.

Nominations must be submitted on CJC-supplied forms to CJC, Attention Nominations Committee, 1590 Docteur Penfield Ave., Montreal H3G 1C5. They will not be accepted at regional offices. Facsimile (fax) transmissions are, however, acceptable at (514) 931-0548. Forms received by mail will be accepted by the time of arrival and not by the postmark date.

For a nomination to an elected national office of CJC to be valid it must conform to the following points: be in writing; be signed by five people who qualify as members of CJC; give the name and address of the nominee and the office for which such nominee is nominated; contain the signed acceptance of the nomination by the nominee; contain, in not more than 100 words, the curriculum vitae of the nominee; and be accompanied by a certificate from the appropriate body of the local fund raising campaign where the nominee resides as to the eligibility of the nominee.

In CJC bylaw 65, the six positions are described as follows:

- The president presides at all meetings of the national council and the national executive. In the absence of the president, or at the request of the president, the chairman of the national executive presides. In the absence of the chairman of the national executive, the associate chairman presides.

All three perform other duties assigned to them by the national executive.

- The treasurer is responsible for the administration of the funds and the property of CJC and, through the comptroller, keeps a complete and accurate account of its receipts and expenditures and books for that purpose.
- The secretary has charge of all books, records and papers and of the seal of CJC, all of which he or she delivers when instructed or authorized by resolution of the national executive or of the national council.
- The honorary counsel advises the officers and national executive on questions or procedures and rules of order. He or she also assists the officers and national executive in the performance of CJC activities by submitting legal opinions on the interpretation of statutes, ordinances and regulations.

# *Twist of fate helps woman find brother*

**By DONALD CARR**

**JERUSALEM —**
The daughter of a friend was hitching a ride on the Tel Aviv - Haifa road.

A driver in her late 60s in a little Subaru stopped and gave her a lift.

As is usual in Israel, each asked the other where she was from and the following story came from Mrs. S., the driver.

**She was born in Czechoslovakia. Her whole family had been lost in the Holocaust, but she managed to survive the camps and made her way to Israel. There, she became a citizen and she has lived for the past 40 years in Tel Aviv.**

Until recently, the Czech government did not permit Israelis to travel to that country. However, with the onset of glasnost, circumstances have eased and visits to Czechoslovakia are now possible.

Mrs. S. decided that she would like to go back to the place of her birth and try to recapture some of the pleasant memories of her childhood before the Nazis came.

Outwardly very little had changed in many parts of Prague. The old landmarks remained — the churches, the palaces, the museums, the Altneushul and adjacent Jewish buildings (alas, now used as museums and as an old age home). True, there were scaffolds around many buildings which were in need of repair, but the ambience was what she remembered.

She found her way to the old district where she had been born — familiar streets and buildings.

**She stopped, full of memories and trepidation in front of her old house. It looked the same, except that the door and windows bore a different color from that which she remembered.**

Dare she go in?

She rang the bell — half hoping nobody was home and there would be no answer.

A door banged somewhere inside and there was a shuffling of feet. The front door opened and an elderly shawled lady stood before her.

Haltingly, in the Czech language she has used so little in the past four decades, she explained that she had been born in the house, had lived there as a child, had been taken away from it with the other Jews, survived and now lived in Israel. Would it be too much trouble if she could take a look at the inside of her old home — just for a few minutes?

The current owner readily agreed to the request — but, she said quizzically, "You are from Israel? Strange! Just two weeks ago a man from Israel was here, telling me the same story and making the same request!"

The man had visited, had taken tea with her and when he left he had given her his card.

**Incredulous, Mrs. S., asked to see the card. The old lady brought it. There, showing an address not 15 kilometres from her own, was engraved the name of her brother — the brother she believed had perished with the rest of the family so long ago!**

Like Mrs. S., her brother had thought that he was the only surviving member of the family and it had never occurred to either of them to inquire about brothers, sisters and parents.

There are many stories of happenstance reunions of survivors of the Holocaust, but few have the coincidences of this one.

# Women trail in wage gap

**JERUSALEM (JPFS) —**
In economics as in politics, Israeli women trail far behind men.

The data show that in every sector women earn only 40-60% of what their male colleagues do, even though on average they're better educated.

The Central Bureau of Statistics says half of the women in the work force have 12.4 years or more of schooling, compared with 11.7 for men. Part of the explanation for the gap is that women choose less well-paying jobs and, for family reasons, work fewer hours than men.

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# World-National

## Information brushed aside, says report to Kohl

# *Bonn knew of Libyan poison gas efforts in 1980*

**BONN (JTA) —**

West Germany acknowledged last week that it knew as early as April 1980 of Libyan efforts to produce chemical weapons at a plant in Rabta, south of Tripoli, and that German companies were helping.

The government had previously said it first learned of West German business involvement with Rabta in 1988, and insisted it had no evidence of attempts to make poison gas there.

The government's admission was contained in a 100-page letter to the Bundestag, written by Chancellery Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble, a top aide to Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

**The letter said information about the Rabta plant was brushed aside, despite American warnings and repeated intelligence from West Germany's secret service.**

The report said the Social Democratic Party government took no action to warn Libya or deter West German companies from helping the Libyans build the Rabta plant.

The SPD has criticized the CDU-led regime with respect to the Libya affair, up to a point.

It stopped short of asking one of the Bundestag committees to launch an investigation that could backfire on itself, observers said.

Die Welt said that Washington warned Bonn in advance in November that it intended to present Kohl with documents showing West German involvement in Libya.

On Nov. 15, then U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz presented Kohl, who was visiting Washington, with embarrassing documents on the affair.

Kohl said later the American behavior had been unfriendly and insulting.

But his aides concede now that Shultz had correctly informed West German foreign minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher of his intention to confront Kohl.

Officials here cannot explain why the information was not passed on to Kohl.

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**JERUSALEM (JPFS) —**

**Degussa, the West German company suspected of selling chemicals to Libya for the production of poison gas, owned a large share of the firm which marketed Zyklon B, the gas used by the Nazis to exterminate millions of Jews and others in World War II.**

According to U.S. historian Raul Hilberg, author of The Destruction of the European Jews, Degussa owned 42.5% of the shares in the Degesch Company (the German Vermin-Extermination Company) which manufactured Zyklon B and sold it to the German army and the SS.

The other owners of Degesch were I. G. Farben, a pre-war industrial giant which played a critical role in the German war effort and was split up by the Allies after the war, and the Theo Goldschmidt Co.

**Hilberg records that a Degussa executive was convicted of Nazi war crimes and sentenced to five years in jail by the Nuremberg Military Tribunal.**

**Degussa's shipment of 255 tons of hexamethylene tetramine for Libya remains impounded in the West German port of Bremerhaven. Customs officials seized the cargo on Jan. 29 and the Bonn government is waiting for assurances from Degussa that the chemicals will not be used for a poison gas plant allegedly being built by the Libyans at Rabta.**

"The investigation could take another few weeks," said Reinhard Krause, spokesman of the economic ministry in Bonn. "They have to prove the chemicals are being used for fertilizers."

# NCJW reportedly made political donations

**TORONTO —**

The Toronto section of the National Council of Jewish Women has made financial contributions to political parties, the Globe and Mail reported last week.

**The Globe, citing records filed with Ontario's Commission on Election Finances and an interview with Patricia Starr, chairperson of its charitable foundation, said the political contributions totaled $15,750 in 1987.**

Penny Yellen, president of the organization's national council said she was concerned about the volunteer service organization losing its charitable registration.

She told The Globe the national council does not condone its member groups making political contributions, saying that was ruled out by the council's bylaws.

The federal Income Tax Act specifically bars charities from making contributions to partisan political causes.

**Dody Rudson, executive director of NCJW's Toronto section, told The CJN "we are calling a meeting and looking into all the allegations in the newspaper article. We will have a report after our executive meeting."**

The meeting was due to be held after The CJN went to press.

Starr, a prominent Liberal who was named chairman of Ontario Place, a lakeside cultural and recreational centre, said the Toronto section of the council and its charitable foundation both made contributions to all three major political parties by buying tickets to political fund raising events.

She said the contributions fell into a "gray area" of the law.

# *Montreal Holocaust centre gets grant*

**MONTREAL —**

The Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre has received a $9,400 grant from the federal government to assist the planning and research for the Centre's forthcoming exhibition Splendor and Destruction: Jewish Life That Was, 1919-1945.

The grant is from the Museum Assistance Program of the Department of Communications.

The exhibition will explore both the devastation of the Nazi persecution of Jews and the rich secular and religious Jewish life before.

**Then communications minister Flora MacDonald wrote that an advisory council of museum and heritage experts that reviewed the application found that the proposed exhibition is "of profound moral and ethical significance universally."**

They noted the exhibition will have a "broad, fair-minded approach, which will capture the interest and understanding of the general public and will also poignantly reflect the Jewish experience to Jews themselves."

Splendor and Destruction is scheduled to open this summer. Centre director Krisha Starker said a goal of the exhibit is to instill a sense of continuity between the Jews of Canada and their brethren who perished in Europe.

On view will be about 300 artifacts from the Centre's collection, as well as photographs and documents. The artifacts have come mainly from Holocaust survivors or their descendants living in Montreal and include everyday objects and memorabilia attesting to the vibrancy of prewar Jewish life in Europe, as well as grim souvenirs of the ghettoes and concentration camps.

**In preparation, the Centre's main museum hall is closed for renovation. The memorial room and the current exhibit Children of the Holocaust: Legacy of a Vanished Generation remain open to the public. This exhibition is also composed mainly of original material collected in Montreal.**

The new museum hours are Sunday through Thursday, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Guided tours for groups of five or more people are offered on Sundays at 10.30 a.m. Reservations are required for all other times.

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*Calls for closer ties to world Jews*

# Shamir message applauded

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of progress in the Soviet Union and growing cultural and religious freedom for our people," said the Shamir message, which received thunderous aplause.

**The Prime Minister also said Israel's government hoped the Soviet Jewish community would be free to "take its place" in the world Jewish community, and would develop closer ties to the Jewish state.**

Other speakers included World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman and Australian Jewish leader Isi Leibler, as well as Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, who called on the Soviet government to recognize that Jews were the specific victims of the Holocaust.

A number of Russians and Soviet Jews also made speeches, although the audience was not addressed by any Soviet government officials, Silverstone said.

Silverstone, on behalf of the CJC, presented a book on Canada's synagogue life to the centre's library, and conveyed greetings from CJC President Dorothy Reitman, who couldn't attend.

At a reception afterwards, guests viewed the centre's main floor exhibit of Jewish art and 2nd-floor Holocaust photographs.

During their 4-day stay in Moscow, Nurgitz and Silverstone also met with a number of Refuseniks as well as Canadian embassy officials.

**Nurgitz, whose parents come from the Ukraine, also met with Vladimir Babenkov, chief expert for the Soviet foreign ministry's humanitarian and cultural relations department.**

The two discussed the plight of Leningrad Refuseniks Alex and Lila Rabinovich, who have been trying since 1979 to be reunited with family members in Toronto and Winnipeg. Canadian relatives were recently told by Soviet embassy officials in Ottawa that the Rabinoviches' application wouldn't be considered again until 1992.

But Nurgitz said Babenkov left him with renewed hope that the case would receive a satisfactory resolution.

"He gave me assurances that it was being reviewed again," Nurgitz said.

During their visit, Nurgitz and Silverstone attended a Saturday morning Shabbat service at the main Moscow synagogue. Most of the worshippers were elderly Jews in their 70s, Silverstone said.

**The two also met with Refuseniks Inna and Igor Uspensky, Judith and Emmanuel Lurie, Boris Chernobilsky and Yuri Semenovsky, as well as more than a dozen others.**

Silverstone, who also met with members of Jewish Women Against Refusal, said many Refuseniks didn't see the centre's opening as helping their situation in trying to emigrate from the USSR.

However, most agreed it was a major move, although they didn't know how accessible the centre would be to Jews and to what extent it would be subject to Soviet government manipulation, said Silverstone, a 38-year-old former lawyer and foreign service officer.

Among those to send congratulatory telegrams for the opening was B'nai B'rith Canada President Dr. Brian Feldman. Addressed to Moscow BB President Alexander Shmuckler, Feldman's message congratulated the Moscow Jewish community's efforts, saying: "For years you have worked hard to maintain your identity, culture and tradition under the most difficult circumstances.

"Your perseverance and efforts have shown that a flicker of light can still defeat the darkness of oppression."

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**Yuli Edelshtein became the first former prisoner of Zion to return to the Soviet Union, returning from his home in Israel to participate in the history-making event.**

Edelshtein, who emigrated 19 months ago, said before his flight from Ben-Gurion Airport: "I think I can perform a mitzvah by returning to Moscow. I hope to develop connections with the emerging Jewish cultural groups there and, as a Jewish educator, to contribute to what is taught at the cultural centre."

Edelshtein was granted a visa to return to the Soviet Union through the Soviet embassy in Canberra, Australia, with the assistance of Isi Leibler, who arranged Soviet visas for the entire Israeli contingent.

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**In other developments, the first independent yeshiva permitted on Soviet soil in 60 years was inaugurated in Moscow Feb. 22 by Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz.**

**The rabbis and scholars who will train at the Judaic Studies Centre are expected to become the religious and cultural leaders of the next generation of Soviet Jews, those who are unable or unwilling to leave the USSR, according to the Aleph Society, which supports Steinsaltz's work.**

The Soviet authorities affirmed the Aleph Society's exclusive right to choose all curriculum and materials, faculty members and students.

About 80 students were accepted into the centre's day and evening programs, out of 147 applicants. All were selected by Steinsaltz, the renowned Israeli scholar who is at work on a monumental modern Hebrew translation of the Jerusalem Talmud and the Babylonian Talmud.

**The Soviet Academy of Sciences is providing six living and teaching apartments in its own residence building.**

**The initial faculty will consist of five American and Israeli rabbis and scholars. It will be staffed by rotating teams of visiting professors and teachers from the United States.**

The Judaic Studies Centre is the first result of agreements signed in October 1988 with Evgeny Velikhov, vice chairman of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

The centre will be affiliated with the Academy of World Civilization, under the auspices of the World Laboratory, an international scientific exchange program which has legal status in the Soviet Union.

The international affiliation allows the yeshiva freer rein than were it to be under official Soviet auspices, a spokesperson for the Aleph Society explained.

Faculty members will thus be free to deliver open lectures for the general public, under the academy's auspices.

# *Mazon gives over $18,000 to groups fighting hunger*

TORONTO —

Mazon - Canada announced grants totalling more than $18,000 at its most recent allocations committee meeting.

The organization, which calls itself "the Jewish community's response to hunger in Canada," has been in existence for more than two years and in that time has allocated about $45,000 to groups fighting hunger across the country.

**Anne Golden, allocations committee chairman, said that "the committee had no difficulty identifying those programs which were of real benefit to individuals and families suffering from the pain and humiliation of hunger in a society of plenty."**

**She added that "the desperate problem of hunger, in particular the absolutely intolerable problem of children going hungry, must not be ignored by the Jewish community."**

Among the recipients were: B'nai B'rith women in Vancouver for their kosher food basket program; Cobble Hill Self-Help Group in Shawinigan, BC, for its response to local hunger; Good Bank of Waterloo Region for the purchase of a freezer; Inland Refugee Society of Vancouver for its work with refugees not yet able to support their families and in need of food.

North York Harvest Food Bank for its food distribution work with agencies in North Metro Toronto; Saint Francis Table for its subsidized lunch program in the Parkdale area of Toronto; Sun Youth Organization for its inner city food program in downtown Montreal; Tomchei Shabbos for its kosher food program in Toronto; Chez Doris for its hot meal programs for homeless women in Montreal and Multi-Caf Montreal for its subsidized meal program.

For information on Mazon and its programs, call (416) 783-7554 in Toronto or (514) 931-6000 in Montreal.

# Cuba community needs mohel

TORONTO —

There is a pressing need in Cuba's tiny Jewish community for a qualified mohel, says a retired Toronto merchant who's recently returned from the island.

Abraham Bimblich reports that Cuba's 900-strong Jewish community, centred mainly in the capital, Havana, has been without a mohel for eight years, and boys are going without circumcision.

**Bimblich suggested to community leaders that a mohel from Toronto go to Cuba for a few weeks to circumcise the boys and some babies. However, Cuban leaders instead proposed that a Jewish doctor from Havana go to Toronto for a few months to study under a mohel.**

Bimblich promised he would speak to some mohels here and air the idea.

Several Cuban Jews rued the loss of their sole mohel and are becoming increasingly alarmed at the growing number of uncircumcized males, Bimblich noted.

**All in all, however, Jewish amenities are adequate, he says. There are two synagogues in Havana, one mikvah, two Jewish cemeteries, one Sunday school and one ritual slaughterer. There are no rabbis but a baal koreh leads services in the main shul, the Adath Israel, where there is a minyan every day.**

Only 100 Jews live outside Havana, Bimblich says.

All Cuban Jews receive a ration of kosher meat: three-quarters of a pound per person per month. Chicken, however, is more widely consumed.

Each year, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, sends a shipment of Passover food and products to Cuba, where communal seders are held for about 150 people.

Those interested in helping train a Cuban doctor to become a mohel are urged to contact Dr. Edmond Lipsitz at CJC, Ontario Region, at (416) 635-2883.

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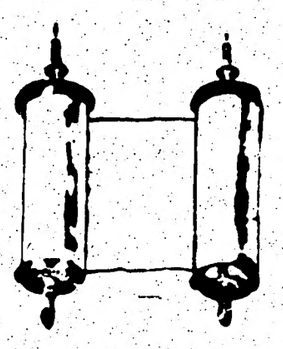

## sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

**Parshat Kee Teesa**

**This story is in honor of my son Yitzchak Isaac, who became bar mitzvah recently:**

When Reb Shalom of Kaminkah visited Reb Yitzchak Isaac of Zoidechov, Reb Isaac went out to greet his distinguished guest.

Rabbi Gottesman

It was just after a heavy rain, the road was knee-deep in mud, and just a narrow board served as the "sidewalk." Reb Isaac stepped off the narrow board to allow room for Reb Shalom to walk, while Reb Shalom stepped off the board in honor of his host. In the end, both great men were ankle deep in mud, and embraced each other warmly. (Hassidim Misaprim.

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There's mud and there's mud. Some mud there is that leaves you clean inside. The mud that the two rabbis walked in to show each other respect and affection was clean mud. Their shoes were muddy, but their heads were pure.

**There is other mud, that leaves boots very clean, clothing very dignified, but stains the neshama. The mud of *machlokes*, disrespect, division, pride, whisperings and gossiping among Jews, especially among leaders.**

Muddy shoes are easy to clean, but not muddy thoughts.

In this week's parsha, Moses was commanded to count the Israelites. Commanded the Almighty: "*Kee teesa et rosh bnay Yisrael* . . . When you take the sum of the heads of the children of Israel. . . ." (Shmot 30:12)

But the language is strange. It does not say when you count Israelites, but when you count "the *heads* of the Children of Israel." Why mention heads?

Even stranger — the Hebrew word is not "heads — *raushei*" but "*rosh* — the head!," one head for all the children of Israel! Why just one head?

But one little verse teaches so much, to each individual Jew, and the whole Jewish nation.

To each Jew it says: "Kee teesa!" Kee teesa has a double meaning, to count, and to lift up. "Et rosh!" By the head! Don't lift him or her by the skis, by the scuba-outfit or the golf clubs or the fitness class or the diet plan, but by the head!

The head of a Jew must be lifted! The neshama must be lifted. Of course, of course we need all those other things to keep us healthy and sane and joyous. Of course we have to exercise. Of course we have to diet. Of course we have to relax.

**But that's not our *tachlis*, that's not what God created us for. He created us to lift our minds and souls to do mitzvahs, to study Torah, to accomplish goodness and kindness, to be outstanding human beings! Kee teesa et rosh! Lift up the Jewish head, the Jewish mind to greatness!**

And to the Jewish nation it teaches: ". . . et rosh bnai Yisrael! The head of the Jewish people!" Not the heads, but the head. Not 50 different Jewish heads, Jewish leaders, everyone marching to his own band as if there were no one else in the Jewish parade, but one head, one Jewish people, one unity, one Torah, one way of approaching the critical religious, and social and political challenges facing us. (Otzar Chaim)

**Before we make peace with our enemies, is it not time we made peace with ourselves? Shabbat Shalom.**

## Ontario auto insurance

# *Seniors urged to protest rate hikes*

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — Senior citizens who could face auto insurance hikes of approximately 19% under the Ontario Automobile Insurance Board's decision to set the initial rate increase at 7.6% should begin protesting to the provincial government, says the president of the Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations.

**"I think seniors will be charged the maximum allowed," Stan Sugarbroad said. "I believe that at this stage the Board has done nothing to solve the problem (of high premiums)."**

What the AIB did do is hold extensive hearings during the past two months. The result is that effective June 1, insurance companies may charge premiums in a range that extends 9% upwards and 20% downwards from the starting rate of 7.6%.

However officials in the insurance industry have already predicted that most companies in Ontario will impose premium increases of "well over" the benchmark figure.

**If they do, Sugarbroad said, a lot of seniors will not be able to afford to drive. This in turn will put added pressure on public transit facilities. Therefore, he said, senior citizens should begin contacting their MPPs to let them know how they feel about the Board's decision.**

**"Seniors don't get that type of increase a year," said Sugarbroad, who pledged to raise the issue at the association's annual general meeting this week. The provincial organization takes in over 300,000 senior citizens in 30 organizations.**

On top of the allowed rate increase, there will be a 1-time adjustment resulting from the elimination of old classification figures of age, sex, marital status, family status and handicap used for determining insurance rates. Greater emphasis will now be placed on driving experience and identifiable risk characteristics that affect costs such as claims, convictions, territory, vehicle use and annual driving distance.

Therefore, everyone will now pay the same surcharges for claims and convictions and all drivers will be equally penalized to the extent that they incur claims or convictions.

A 65-year-old senior living in Scarborough driving a 1987 Pontiac 6000 with a clean driving record could wind up paying approximately $924, up $148 or 19%, according to board estimates.

**While a 19% increase would hit a senior on a fixed income hard, other segments of the population are also going to feel lighter in the pocketbooks as a result of insurance increases.**

A 30-year-old in the same situation could face an increase of about 30%, while one with a few convictions could see his insurance climb by 39%.

### Greater increases

Overall, young women face greater increases, while their male counterparts will enjoy seeing their insurance cut as the sex classification is eliminated.

Insurance Bureau of Canada president Jack Lyndon said he fears most for senior citizens, as they no longer qualify for discounts because of their age.

"In some ways, the seniors are the hardest hit group because they are on fixed incomes and many of them rely on their vehicles to get around," Lyndon said in a recent Toronto Star report. "I think that is one community where there'll be quite a stir about this."

Under the AIB's new rules, all companies will have to submit their rates for approval. Companies seeking rates in excess of the Board's range must be considered at a public hearing.

**To help consumers shop for the best rates, the Board will publish a comparision pricing information list and a comprehensive rate manual to help explain how premiums are determined.**

While many may find the 1989 excessive, the worst may not be over, as the board begins hearings in September to determine the rate increase for 1990 premiums.

## TJC meeting set

TORONTO —

**The 14th annual meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress will be held on Monday, May 29.**

**The announcement by TJC president Herb Rosenfeld, states that the meeting will be held in the Leah Posluns Theatre starting at 7:30 p.m.**

**The agenda will include the election of a new slate of officers, TJC executive and members-at-large to the Congress council.**

**Featured in the evening presentations will be the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit, Leadership Development and Shem Tov awards.**

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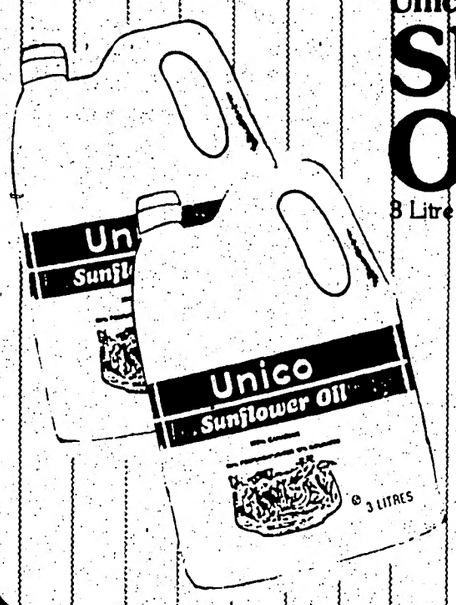


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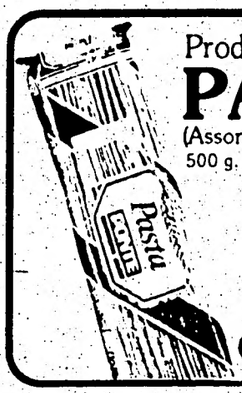


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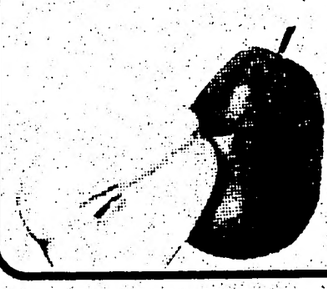

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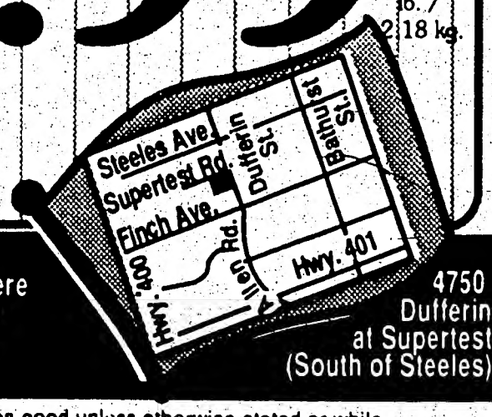


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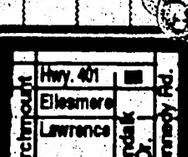


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# Organizations and People

## Trip to Israel and Poland

# *Young pair recruiting students for UJA mission*

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

Pearl Gropper and Ely Razin are two young people deeply committed to Judaism and to their roots. So committed, in fact, they are making a concerted effort to reach out to their peers — the university age group between 18 and 24 — to join them in a "mission of discovery."

**They are in the process of actively recruiting on both of Toronto's major university campuses for a United Jewish Appeal student mission to Poland and Israel — from May 14 to May 31.**

The inspiration for the mission derived from the recent March of the Living in which 1,500 high school students from around the world participated.

"There was really nothing of this nature geared to our age group," Gropper explained, "at least not in Canada."

They approached UJA for help in organizing the mission and to request a partial subsidy for the participants, both of which received a positive response.

"There had not been a Toronto UJA student mission for several years," said Razin, "and so we thought it was time to organize one and UJA agreed."

**Both Gropper and Razin, who is now in his first year at Osgoode Hall Law School, have been active on campus on behalf of UJA. Pearl is currently co-chairing the York University campaign. Ely was University of Toronto student campaign co-chairman last year.**

The seven days the group will spend in Poland, will not only serve as a vivid reminder of the Holocaust, with visits to the most infamous death camps, but, as Pearl and Ely pointed out, be an opportunity "to meet and give our support to the Jews still living there."

In Israel, the group will tour the Jewish State and spend time in Beit Dagan where they will do volunteer work.

"We would like to aim for a mixed group — from the Orthodox to the secular — so that we may all rediscover our roots and gain a keener understanding of our recent past," said Razin. "This is not a tour — it's a life experience."

**An information meeting has been arranged for anyone between the ages of 18 and 25 who may be interested in going on the mission. The date is Sunday, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Anyone wanting to attend, may call Cindy at UJA — 635-2883, ext. 190; or Ely Razin in the evening, at 221-3546.**

Pearl Gropper and Ely Razin.

# Police hiring, promotion of minorities urged

TORONTO —

Police forces should take quick and immediate action to improve their recruiting, training and advancement procedures relating to race relations, the B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights has recommended in a brief to the Race Relations and Policing Task Force.

**"The League acknowledges that the police have made efforts to react to the needs of vulnerable minorities, but the progress has been slow and a number of the systemic factors that cause discriminatory practices are still prevalent," says Gerry Rose, co-chairman of the central cabinet of the League, in the brief to task force chairman Clare Lewis.**

"There needs to be a clear commitment to understand and meet the needs of today's multicultural society," Rose continued. "This means more time, energy and resources to meet those needs and to sensitize the entire force so that those needs can be recognized and addressed."

Marvin Kurz, a member of the League and principal author of the brief, said that in order to properly sensitize the police to the community and vice versa, assistance must be sought from all ethnocultural communities. He said the League has offered police through the task force its expertise and human relations videos and workshops.

"It is imperative that all changes be reviewed regularly and that police forces across Ontario institute strong, effective and powerful civilian review procedures," Kurz said.

**The League's video library includes Role Call, which will help sensitize new recruits to some of the nuances of race relations through role playing and Reservations which can help supervisors and management personnel deal with racial incidents and stereotyping.**

The League, through its intercultural dialogue program, speakers and public service announcement has a wide range of programming to deal with the issues surrounding race relations.


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Mr. Berman, who was past chairman for the conference of Presidents of major American Jewish organizations, has had close ties with the Reagan-Bush administration and has met with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzchak Shamir, President Mubarak of Egypt and other world leaders, to lobby for the security of Jews in Israel, the U.S.S.R. and other lands abroad.

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## Good for small Jewish businesses, not so good for chains

# Ont.'s new holiday shopping law a mixed bag

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO — Jewish merchants operating single or small chain operations should welcome the provincial government's amendments to the Retail Business Holidays Act. However larger chain stores may not find the changes to their liking.

After over 14 months since Ontario Solicitor General Joan Smith announced the Liberal government's intention to overhaul the RBHA governing Sunday and holiday shopping, third reading was given to Bills 113 and 114. The latter is designed safeguard workers' rights in dealing with Sunday hours.

**Incorporating just a few changes from the numerous briefs received during public hearings held last summer, the amendments will allow merchants — who by reason of their religion — always close their retail establishments on a specific day of the week in order to remain open Sunday.**

In formulating this new section, the government stipulated that it would come before any other provisions in the RBHA or any other act, bylaw or regulation.

It replaces a a section of the old RBHA which allowed a store to open Sunday provided it was closed Saturday, had no more than seven employees working and its floor space didn't exceed 5,000 square feet.

**What may not please owners of large chain operations is that this exemption would require them to adopt a consistent policy regarding store hours on all stores within the chain. Therefore a supermarket chain with only one store in a Jewish area would have to close all stores on another day of the week in order to claim this exemption.**

This move was criticized by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, during the public hearings on Sunday shopping hours held last year.

"We have consistently held that if government is to legislate (Sunday closings) into practice, the broadest possible allowances must be made for those communities which observe another weekly pause day," the CJC brief stated.

The brief, presented by CJC chairman Charles Zaionz also criticized the provision requiring retail proprietors to state their religion when claiming the new Sunday exemption.

**To possibly get around these problem, merchants will have to look to their municipalities who have been given the authority to regulate shopping hours within their jurisdiction. However, it won't be North York, Scarborough, Vaughan or Markham who have the final say.**

The provincial government has given district, regional and metropolitan councils the power to control shopping hours in order to ensure the least possible conflict of store opening within their larger borders.

In passing shopping hours bylaws, municipalities can apply them to any part of their territory, can limit the opening of retail businesses to specific times or to a certain number of hours, can restrict the opening of businesses to specific periods of the year and may classify businesses by size, number of employees, type of business, location or any other criteria.

To allow municipalities to make the transition to the new rules, the new RBHA preserves any existing bylaws relating to retail business openings until Jan. 1, 1994 or until repealed or until a new bylaw is passed, whichever comes first.

**However Jonathan Wolfe, a vice-president for the Oshawa Group, says the end result is that the new law will cause tremendous confusion.**

"I don't think it will resolve the issue," he said. "Within a year there will be a patchwork across the province with some municipalities being open. I would not be surprised if those retailers who remain closed feel disadvantaged and challenge the new law in court.

"I don't know if it has really accomplished a great deal," he added.

While regions have the power to regulate Sunday shopping, they do not appear to have the will. Stephen Clark, president of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, commenting on the amendments, recently said, "My feelings is the majority of municipal leaders I have talked to certainly won't be voting for wide open Sunday shopping in their municipalities."

This is in line with Durham Region Chairman Gary Herrema's recent comment that "anyone who wants Sunday openings in Durham will be waiting until hell freezes over." Heads of neighboring regional governments in York and Peel also appear to oppose wide open Sunday shopping.

However, in Metro Toronto, Metro councillor Howard Moscoe said council will eventually have to take some kind of action.

Moscoe, chairman of the legislation committee, said his committee has already discussed the issue. However, since the new law gives municipalities five years to adjust their shopping hours bylaws, he stressed that nothing will change overnight. Before anything does happen though, he said, council will first establish its position and then, if any changes are in order, hold public hearings as required by the amendments.

Metro councillor Norm Gardner applauded the government's decision to allow municipalities to regulate shopping hours. However, he said some municipalities, including Metro, will refrain from passing bylaws to allow Sunday shopping.

As well as changing the Sunday exemption, the amendments allow drug stores to maintain enough employees on Sunday to properly serve the public by eliminating staffing restrictions.

**The new law will allow only pharmacies under 5,000 square feet to open on Sundays and holidays unless otherwise regulated by municipal bylaws.**

As well, the practice of "roping off" part of a business would be prohibited. This amendment will apply to pharmacies immediately and to other retailers in one year.

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# Organizations and People

*New Israel Fund's Svirsky discusses schism*

## Group fights for Israeli "religious pluralism"

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —
The New Israel Fund is at the forefront of the battle for religious pluralism, says the Israeli director of the organization.

Addressing a public gathering at Beth Habonim Congregation, Gila Svirsky said the organization is "against the hegemony of the Orthodox" and is fighting to have non-Orthodox streams of Judaism legitimized in Israel.

Svirsky, who made aliyah from the U.S. 20 years ago, identified the growing schism between religious and secular Jews as a conflict inside Israel today which extends beyond the divisive 'Who is a Jew' issue.

"The schism takes the form of the ultra-Orthodox trying to cut out secular study programs in the schools, of 30,000 Yeshiva students not serving in the army, and a lack of respect for non-religious Jews," she said.

She cited the case of Leah Shakdiel, the woman whose election to a Negev development town religious council was opposed by Orthodox members of that organization, as an example of Orthodox hegemony which created more alienation between the secular and religious in Israel.

With NIF support, opposition to Shakdiel was overcome and the woman now sits on the religious council to which she had originally been elected, she told the gathering.

Svirsky attributed the rise in religious fundamentalism in part to the fact that "The ultra Orthodox are filling a vacuum in the poorer development towns. Here they pick up votes by providing a number of human services that ought to be the responsibility of the government such as building schools, daycare centres, clubhouses and playgrounds."

Gila Svirsky

When speaking about religious fundamentalism, Svirsky said she was referring to the ultra-Orthodox who voted for the three religious parties, not the modern Orthodox.

Svirsky also discussed NIF efforts for minority rights of Arab citizens of Israel, women, children the elderly, and for Ethiopian Jews.

The violation of human rights in the territories, the living conditions in detention centres, the use of rubber bullets, tear gas and illegal beatings were also concerns of the NIF, she added.

## *Prutschi calls Holocaust denial "cutting edge" of anti-semitism*

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Anti-semitism is a powerful bacteria ever developing new strains, and Holocaust denial, Manuel Prutschi said in a recent lecture at McMaster University, "has managed to pull together the different strains of anti-semitism.

"Holocaust denial," the national director of community relations for the Canadian Jewish Congress said has become "the cutting edge of the anti-semitic knife."

**Speaking here during the university's Human Awareness Week, Prutschi's lecture was sponsored by the McMaster Jewish Students Association-Hillel, which also presented a week-long Holocaust exhibition.**

Over 100 people listened attentively as Prutschi explained that Holocaust denial is possible because the Nazis had covered their tracks while carrying out their crimes and as well, "developed a whole vocabulary of concealment."

**Prutschi warned that an "underground revisionism" is gaining ground among certain intellectuals and academics and beginning to surface on campuses and in the courses of some U.S. universities and education departments.**

Holocaust deniers "are not quite like flat earthers," he said and therefore, he cautioned, "they cannot be dismissed as harmless eccentrics."

Not only Jews but all communities should be concerned about Holocaust denial because its aim, he said, "is the denial of the open, pluralistic societies we have all built together."

**The Holocaust exhibition was mounted in the foyer of the Ewart Angus Centre in the university's medical centre, an area where, as MJSA president Stephen Jeffries put it, "a lot of people float through."**

Put together by Network and Aish HaTorah, the exhibit has been touring campuses throughout North America. Before coming to McMaster, said Jeffries, a Torontonian with one more year at McMaster, it was at the University of Western Ontario and in Atlantic Canada, "where we picked it up."

MJSA vice-president Marc Buchbinder noted that "foreign" students, many of whom had never heard of the Holocaust, were the ones who asked the most questions.

Buchbinder, a second year psychology and philosophy student from Mississauga, and second vice-president Candice Cooper of Toronto, a CHAT graduate in her first year here, were among the organizers of the exhibition.

Hillel director Sheila Freedman described this year's group as the best and most active she has worked with in the six years she has worked with MJSA.

## Mount Sinai lecture

TORONTO —
Aurelie Collings, a psychologist with Mount Sinai Hospital's department of psychology, will give the hospital auxiliary's annual Health Education Lecture at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 1.

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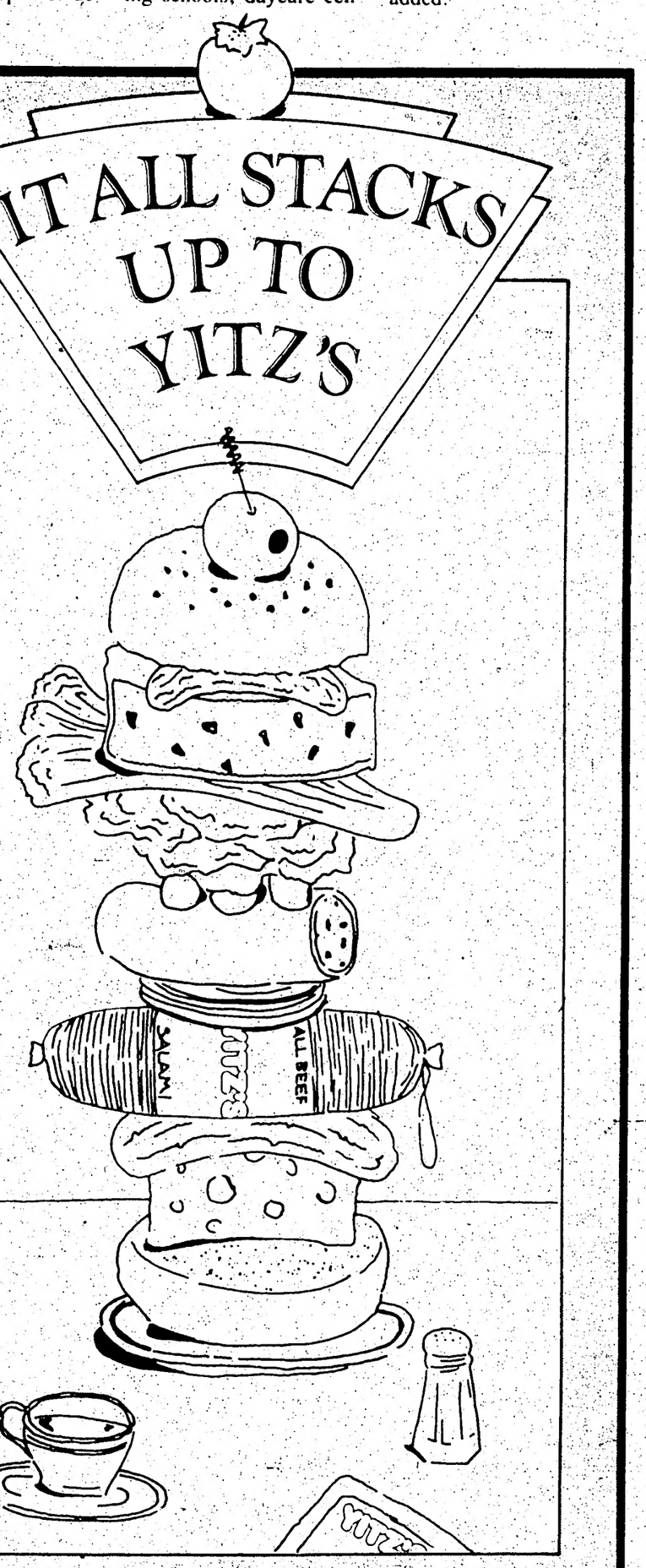


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## "Jewish" schools in public system seen possible

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —
"Jewish" schools within the public school system is a possibility that has been opened up by Bill 107, the new legislation replacing Quebec's former Education Act, passed by the National Assembly in December.

**The bill, which will come into force July 1, requires school boards to set up "orientation committees" at each school. One of the major roles of these committees will be to recommend the confessional status of the school to the school board.**

Conceivably, if there are a majority of Jewish children at the school, the orientation committee may choose the school to be designated as "Jewish," even while it remains under the jurisdiction of a Protestant or Catholic school board, said Jeff Polenz, a political aide to Education Minister Claude Ryan, in an interview with The Canadian Jewish News.

The main thrust of Bill 107 is to create neutral English and French school boards eventually replacing — or, at least, existing with — the province's traditional confessional school boards. The establishment of the linguistic boards will not begin until there is a final court decision on the constitutionality of the relevant aspects of the bill. Ryan, who introduced Bill 107 in 1987, has said he expects the challenge to go to the Supreme Court of Canada.

**The orientation committees will be composed of teachers, a representative of the non-teaching staff, high school students (in the case of secondary schools), and at least as many parents as there are other voting members who are not parents. Each member is to be elected by his or her peer group.**

The committees' mandate is to determine the specific objectives, or "educational project," of the school, within the parameters of government regulations. Polenz said the orientation committees should be in place about a month after the start of the new school year in September.

The committees only have the power to recommend the confessional status of the school, or that it be neutral. The school board will then decide whether to pass on the recommendation to the Superior Council of Education, an advisory body to the ministry, for final approval.

**Exactly what it would mean to be a "Jewish" or other non-Protestant or non-Catholic school within the public school system is not clear. Polenz suggested that it could mean the inclusion of Jewish studies in the curriculum or in an extra-curricular situation, as is taking place this year at Royal Vale School in Snowdon, or simply that the general atmosphere of the school would be Jewish, such as at holidays.**

"All kinds of avenues are open to having a Jewish orientation," Polenz said. A number of credit courses in Jewish studies now exist, and these may be expanded, he pointed out.

However, the non-Jewish minority in the school, like religious minorities in all public schools, is guaranteed under the law the right to Catholic, Protestant or neutral instruction in the compulsory moral and religious education course, he said.

How directly the parent body as a whole will have a say in the orientation of the school, beyond electing parents to the orientation committee, has not yet been determined. Bill 107 makes the setting up of the all-parent school committees of the past optional.

**The law does speak of consultation with the parents about recognition or withdrawal of the confessional status of the school, but the conditions and procedures are to be spelled out later by regulation by the minister.**

Polenz said he sees no reason for the Jewish day schools to fear that the government grants they receive will be put in jeopardy by the existence of public schools with a Jewish or neutral orientation. "Funding (of the day schools) has not been raised. I don't see any change overnight."

Some Jewish day school officials worry that the Quebec government will feel less moral obligation to fund Jewish schools (which, for the most part, receive the highest level of subsidization possible to private schools) if there is a public school system which truly makes Jews feel a part of it.

**Polenz does see the possibility of a shift of students away from the day schools to the public sector if Jewish-oriented schools become a reality. "It's anyone's guess what will happen over the next five to 10 years in enrollment patterns."**

As the day schools receive grants on a per student basis, the loss of any students is cause for concern, he acknowledged.

Bill 107 will permit school boards, with the authorization of the minister, to enter into an association with private schools to provide certain educational programs and, under such an agreement, the private institution may be eligible for extra funding from the government.

## Winnipeg JCC wants barracks for school

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
The Winnipeg Jewish Community Council is bidding on the Fort Osborne Barracks site in south Winnipeg as the location for its proposed new Jewish high school and community centre.

**The WJCC's joint venture with the Shelter Corp. of Canada was one of five groups which submitted proposals on the site to the provincial government in January. People living in the area however would like to see the site preserved because of its historic value.**

The barracks on the 14-acre site on the Assiniboine River go back to 1906.

The building, designed by Samuel Hooper, Manitoba's first Provincial Architect, originally formed the first agriculture college in Western Canada. In 1916, the military took over the complex as Fort Osborne Barracks. Since 1968, the buildings have been used for provincial government offices.

The government now says it is too costly to upgrade the 83-year-old buildings. One estimate puts that cost at about $10 million.

The government called for proposals from developers in December. The WJCC agreed to enter into a joint venture with the Shelter Corp. at a special board meeting last month.

Shelter is one of the largest development companies in Winnipeg with a large number of apartment projects in the city and elsewhere.

**Shelter's president, Arni Thorsteinson, and Sheldon Berney, president of Winnipeg Jewish Community Properties Inc., the WJCC holding company that owns the other Jewish school buildings in Winnipeg, the Y Centre and the assets of B'nai B'rith Jewish Community Camp, are friends and business associates.**

Berney also chairs the WJCC's implementation committee created to carry out the Long Range Planning Process as recommended in the Touche Ross Report the WJCC commissioned last year on the community's future development. A new high school/community centre was one of the report's major recommendations.

No Council money has been committed to the joint proposal and the WJCC has the option of withdrawing its support at a later date if it wishes. Two other sites are also under consideration.

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## Thursday, Feb. 23

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## Saturday, Feb. 25

**UJA STUDENT DANCE**

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To reserve, call 635-2883, ext. 190.

**RABBI JOY LEVITT TO SPEAK**

**Rabbi Joy Levitt** will address Congregation Darchei Noam at Shabbat morning services on Feb. 25. Rabbi Levitt, who recently returned from Israel where she had talks with Knesset members, will discuss The Future of Reconstructionism in North America and Israel.

Rabbi Levitt, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinic Association, is the only woman elected president of a rabbinic association. She shares the pulpit at the Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore in Long Island, NY, with her husband, **Rabbi Lee Friedlander**.

Congregation Darchei Noam, a democratic, egalitarian and participatory congregation, holds Shabbat services at 15 Hove St., Downsview. For more information, call the synagogue office at 638-4783.

## Sunday, Feb. 26

**PYRAMIDS, POGROMS & SKINHEADS**

Pyramids, Pogroms and Skinheads is the unusual title of a lecture to be given by **Rabbi Mendel Weinbach** on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 8 p.m. at Ohr Somayach North/JEP, 613 Clark St., Thornhill (enter from York Hill Blvd. entrance of synagogue building). The discussion will focus on what traditional Jewish sources say about anti-semitism — the phenomenon that caused the Jewish people to be persecuted by and expelled from nearly every nation.

Rabbi Weinbach, a resident of Jerusalem, was one of the founding deans of Ohr Somayach/Tanenbaum College 19 years ago. He is currently dean of the Jerusalem branch, a published author, and a writer of articles on contemporary Jewish topics.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is $2.

**LET MY PEOPLE BE JEWS**

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham presents **Avraham Fried** in Let My People Be Jews, a Chassidic song festival, on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 7.30 p.m. at Minkler Auditorium, Seneca College, Don Mills and Finch.

The program also stars **Sandy Shmueli**, Israeli singer and entertainer, accompanied by Nafshenu Orchestra. Ex-Refusenik **Prof. Gershon (Gregory) Rosenstein**, a leader of the Jewish rennaisance in Russia who recently immigrated to Israel, will make a guest appearance.

Tickets are $100 (two seats) patrons, $18 seats (all seats reserved) are available at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham office, Lubavitch Community Centre North, Negev book store and Israel's book store. For more information, call 886-0420.

**DENTAL AMALGAMS & YOUR HEALTH**

At the annual Health Fair sponsored by the Canadian Natural Hygiene Society on Sunday, Feb. 26, **Dr. Dana Colson** will speak on Dental Amalgams and Your Health. Eight other speakers will also be featured at this event, which takes place at Castlefrank High School, 711 Bloor St. E., from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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*NCJW GETS GRANT*

**Gerry Phillips, Ontario minister of citizenship, and Monte Kwinter, minister of industry, trade and technology, recently presented the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, with $12,000 for the Community Project Grant to hire an intern whose duties will include all aspects of the organizational management training cycle, volunteer recruitment and training, workshop design, program and service planning, and program evaluation. From left are Nita Goldband, president, Toronto Section; Phillips, Eveline Berger, treasurer, Toronto Section; Kwinter, and Dody Rudson, executive director, Toronto Section.**

**BAYT SISTERHOOD SERIES**

BAYT (Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto) Sisterhood adult education Sunday evening series for women on the theme of Shabbat continues on Feb. 26 with a discussion on Oneg Shabbat by **Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum**.

The time is 8.15 p.m. at the synagogue, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill. Admission is $2. For information, call the synagogue office at 886-3810.

**ETHIOPIAN JEWS — FALASHAS**

At the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Feb. 26, **Baruch Tegegne** and **Michael Shiner** will be speaking on Ethiopian Jews — Falashas.

Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast at 9.30 and the speakers at 10.

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## Monday, Feb. 27

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN**

The Business and Professional Women's Chapter of Toronto Women's ORT invites all interested women to an evening with **Elaine Kahn**, journalist and feminist, whose topic for discussion will be Expectations of a Jewish Woman: Juggling Motherhood, Career and Tradition.

It takes place on Monday, Feb. 27, from 6-8 p.m. at the McGill Club, 21 McGill St.

For reservations and further information, contact the ORT office at 787-0297.

**MONDAYS AT 8 SERIES**

The Mondays at 8 series — discussions on contemporary Jewish thought — will meet on Feb. 27 from 8-10 p.m. at Ohr Somayach/JEP, 2939 Bathurst St.

All levels and background are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For more information, call 785-5899.

**THE MIRACLE OF 1948**

Shaar Shalom adult education 5-session series, Winter in Israel, will focus on The Miracle of 1948 on Monday, Feb. 27, from 8-9 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill.

There is no fee and refreshments will be served.

**MONDAY MAGIC**

Jewish Women and Stereotypes in Canadian Society is what **Bernie Farber**, director of research, Joint Community Relations Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, will be discussing at the Monday, Feb. 27, program of Monday MAGIC which takes place from 9.30-11.30 a.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

Monday MAGIC is a women's group that meets Monday mornings (babysitting available from newborns up) at Beth Tzedec.

**ADATH ISRAEL ADULT EDUCATION**

A reminder that Adath Israel Synagogue's adult education winter session continues on Monday evenings through March 27.

The Pillar of Fire, a series of Israeli video documentaries with discussions relating to current events led by **Benjamin Rubin**, takes place from 7.30-9 p.m.

"To Be A Conservative Jew, led by **Rabbi Sheldon Korn**, follows from 9-10 p.m.

**TEMPLE ISRAEL OF LONDON**

Temple Israel of London is sponsoring an adult education film series, The Image of the Jew in Film. On Monday, Feb. 27, the movie will be The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz.

The screening begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion. There is no charge (the popcorn is free too) and any Temple member or guest is welcome. The class meets at London's Jewish Community Centre.

## Tuesday, Feb. 28

**FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION**

From Generation to Generation: Being Sandwiched Between Children and Aging Parents with guest speaker **Gordon Wolfe**, executive director, Jewish Family & Child Service, is the concluding lecture in the Families Are Forever? series co-sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple and Royal York Rd. United Church.

The lecture takes place Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. at the church, 851 Royal York Rd. (3 blocks south of Bloor).

**TZAFON CHAPTER NA'AMAT**

Tzafon Chapter Na'amat Canada invites all young Jewish women in the Richmond Hill area to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. The topic under discussion will be Water Purification.

For further information, call 636-5429 or 737-1492.

**ILEITIS & COLITIS FOUNDATION**

The Canadian Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis, North York Chapter, is holding an education meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 8 p.m. at North York Board of Education, Administrative Building, assembly hall, 5050 Yonge St.

The guest speaker, **Dr. Sachdena** will discuss Nutrition and IBD (inflammatory bowel disease).

Refreshments will follow and admission is free.

**T'NACH STUDY GROUP**

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, the T'nach Study group will focus on the Book of Judges, Chapters X and XI, with **Dr. Isadore Cass**.

The group meets at 8.15 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

**CLUB DAFNA NA'AMAT**

Club Dafna of Na'amat is having a lecture and demonstration of Shiatsu massage on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The meeting will be held in the Bayview-Eglinton area.

For details, call **Dalit** at 593-0967 days, 485-9616 evenings, or **Paula** at 676-1910 days, 886-5240 evenings.

## Wednesday, March 1

**JUDAIC NEEDLEWORK**

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 1, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. The program will feature mini-

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workshops on several techniques.

For more information, call **Sue Krivel** at 630-1904.

### GERMANY REVISITED

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue adult education lecture series, Challenges to the Jewish Mind, with **Prof. Arnold Ages** concludes on Wednesday, March 1, with Germany Revisited.

The lecture takes place from 8-9.30 p.m. in the Arback Hall of the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call 633-3838.

### ANOREXIA BULIMIA GROUP

The Anorexia Bulimia Family Support Group meets the first Wednesday of each month at North York Branson Hospital, 555 Finch Ave. W. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1 at 7.30 p.m. in the Trillium Room.

All community members are welcome. For further information, call the National Eating Disorders Information Centre at 595-4156.

### WHO IS A JEW?

Who Is A Jew?, the controversial issue in Israel and how it affects us, is the topic to be discussed at the Chabad Lubavitch of Markham Couples Club meeting on Wednesday, March 1. The discussion will be led by **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**.

The time is 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. For information, call 886-0420.

### JEWISH PRACTICE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am is presenting an Introduction to Jewish Practice with lectures on Wednesday evenings from 7.30-8.30 conducted by **Rabbi Philip Scheim**. The topic on March 1 is Pesach.

The synagogue is located at 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview.

### PARSHAT HASHAVUAH

As part of Adath Israel Synagogue's adult education program, a study of the weekly Torah portion led by **Jack Burke** is held on Wednesday evenings from 8-9 p.m. at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave.

This Oneg Shabbat program is being held at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

### CAMP NORTHLAND-BB REUNION

Camp Northland-B'nai B~~'~~rith is planning a reunion to celebrate 35 years of the amalgamation of the camps. If you, or someone you know, were campers or staff members at either the separate Camp Northland and Camp B'nai B'rith, or the joint location, the Jewish Camp Council would like to hear from you.

Send your name (and former name where applicable), your current address and phone number and the years you attended camp. You will be kept informed about all the plans. If you want to work on the reunion committee, your help is welcome.

Contact the Jewish Camp Council, 3995 Bathurst St., Suite 200, Downsview, M3H 5V3 or telephone (416) 630-1180.

### THERE'S STILL ROOM!

The Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art is still offering spaces for students in the following courses—

Mixed Media Art for children ages 6-10 on Sundays, 9.30-11.15 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m., and Wednesdays, 4.30-6.15 p.m., focusing on the development of the individual child's artistic experience. The course uses various media such as painting, sculpture and collage.

Teen Potters Wheel for students 11-17 years of age on Mondays 4.30-6.30 p.m. explores all aspects of throwing, decorating, and glazing in clay. The course offers intensive instruction, emphasizing good functional design and high quality work.

For more information, call **Rose Brinder** at 636-1880, ext. 279.

### KOSHER MEALS ON WHEELS

Kosher Meals on Wheels has come to Thornhill. Home Support Services of York Region has announced that seniors unable to prepare nutritious meals now have the opportunity of having kosher meals expertly prepared by the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living.

Home Support Services is a non-profit agency dedicated to assisting seniors who wish to remain independent in their own community. For further information, call **Jean Jacobs**, HSS coordinator, at 832-8406.

Volunteers are needed once a month on Tuesday mornings for two hours. If you can help, call **Gayle Zack**, program coordinator, at 1-800-263-1256.

### U.S. TAX ASSISTANCE

U.S. tax assistance for both U.S. and Canadian citizens will be available in Toronto March 2-10 and March 21-April 17.

Seminars will be held March 2-10 twice daily (9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.) at the Town Inn Hotel, Salon A, 620 Church St.

Individual assistance will be available March 21-April 17 from 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at TELSEC Business Centre, 1 Yonge St., Suite 1801. The phone number is (416) 363-6706.

For further information, contact the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Embassy, Ottawa, at (613) 238-5335.

### JSU/HILLEL EVENTS

Upcoming events planned by Jewish Students' Union/Hillel of the University of Toronto include—

Friday, Feb. 24 — Shabbat dinner at 6 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House, 604 Spadina Ave. This is free for residence students with a JSU card, $6 for others with card, $7 without.

Saturday, Feb. 25 — Annual United Jewish Appeal dance at 8.30 p.m. at Ontario Science Centre (mezzanine level). Tickets are $10 and are available at JSU/Hillel. All proceeds will go to UJA of Metropolitan Toronto campus campaign.

Monday, Feb. 27 — Conversational Hebrew continues at 11.10 a.m. and intermediate Hebrew at 12.10 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 — Show your solidarity with Soviet Jews by attending the information table in Sidney Smith Lobby from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Write a letter to Gorbachev, sign a petition, pick up some information and watch a video... Talmud class continues at 3.10 p.m. at JSU/Hillel House... Floor hockey at 9 p.m. at the JCC Bloor Y.

### KENTON TINY TOTS

Registration is now being taken for the spring and fall sessions of Kenton Tiny Tots.

This is a cooperative program for children 2½-4 years of age, running five mornings a week in the Bathurst-Finch area. Activities include arts and crafts, music, story time, kosher daily snacks, and outdoor activity. Parents are required to participate on a rotating basis.

For registration and information, call **Sherrie** at 665-3669.

### TEL-AIDE JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Are you lonely? Family getting you down? Did you just break up? Is someone close to you ill? Too much stress on the job? Was today a bad day? Tel-Aide Jewish Distress Line volunteers are available to listen. Just call 636-9610.

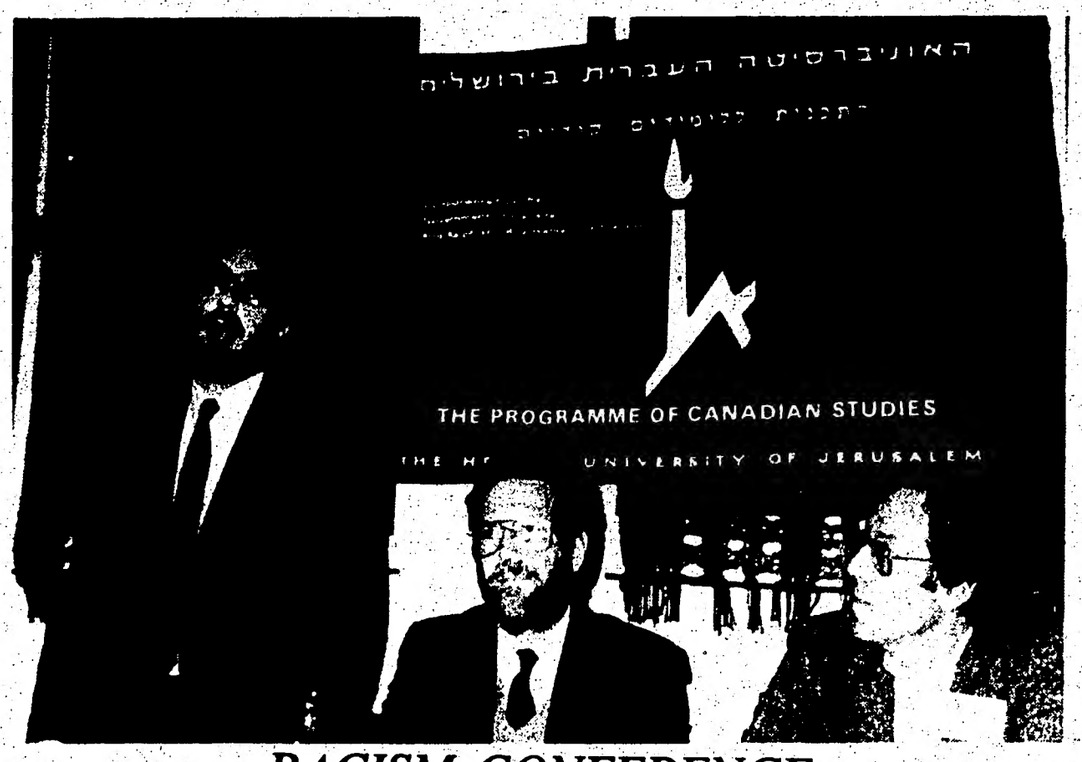
## And What Else Is New...

### ISRAEL SINGS

Israel Sings is the title of Holy Blossom Temple's next music program taking place Friday, March 3, at 8.30 p.m., when **Cantor Benjamin Maissner** will present a cameo recital illustrating 40 years of Israel's musical creativity. Accompanying him at the piano will be **Naomi Bell**.

## *BOYS TOWN SCHOLARSHIPS*

**Joseph Brenner (left), retired clothing cutter of Toronto, established five scholarships at Boys Town Jerusalem. He is seen here receiving a plaque from Michael Kerem, director of Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jersualem, recognizing his contribution to education in Israel.**




## *RACISM CONFERENCE*

**The Hebrew University of Jerusalem recently held a conference on racism, under the auspices of the university's Program of Canadian Studies, which is sponsored jointly by the Canadian government and Ralph and Roz Halbert of Toronto. From left are Prof. David Kretzmer of Hebrew University, conference convenor; Prof. Steve Goldstein, dean of the university's faculty of law, and Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill University, a member of the Canadian delegation of legal academics and professionals.**

### LET'S PLAY BALL AT ROM

Let's Play Ball, opening Wednesday, March 1, at the Royal Ontario Museum, is an exhibition that explores the history, traditions and rituals of baseball, and contains the largest single loan of historically significant artifacts and priceless memorabilia to ever leave the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, NY.

Over 350 important baseball objects have also been collected from across North America, including the Smithsonian Institution, the archives of the University of Guelph, and the University of Western Ontario.

Let's Play Ball runs in the Garfield Weston Exhibition Hall until Sept. 4. Admission to the ROM, including the exhibition is $5 adults; $2.50 students, seniors and children; $10 families. Seniors are admitted free on Tuesdays. Timed tickets to Let's Play Ball are available at the door and in advance at the ROM and through all Ticketron outlets.

### JEWISH CAMP COUNCIL EVENTS

Here's a list of events offered by the Jewish Camp Council at Maple Lake Resort and Conference Centre, Parry Sound, during the month of March—

Mid-Winter Break Camp for Children — a cross-country ski camp for boys and girls ages 8-16 running March 19-24. This package includes cross-country ski classes, equipment, winter sports, crafts, and more. The cost is $200 and also includes transportation.

Family Fun — a cross-country ski holiday for families, March 19-27. Design your own package or come for the long weekend. Your price includes accommodation, meals, evening refreshments, cross-country skiing and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities.

Singles — a cross-country ski package running March 17-19. The cost of $125 (based on double occupancy) includes cross-country ski classes, indoor and outdoor activities, accommodation, all meals, evening refreshments and more.

All food services are under the supervision of the kashruth committee, Toronto Jewish Congress. For information and registration, call 630-1180.

### ANNUAL CONCERT

On Monday, March 13, Mizrachi will be presenting its annual concert featuring **Cantor Harold Klein** of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, **Cantor Yaacov Motzin** of Montreal, and **Cantor Sherwood Goffin** of New York. The concert begins at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Tickets are $18 and are available at the Mizrachi offices, 159 Almore Ave., Downsview, phone number 630-7575, or at Shaarei Shomayim, phone number 789-3213.

### MISHLOACH MANOT FUND RAISER

Just in time for Purim, Netivot HaTorah Parents' Association offers innovative mishloach manot packages to give to your friends and support a good cause as well.

Each "sweet wishes" package is only $3.99 and with orders over $30 a partial tax receipt will be issued. For information, call **Holly** at 638-8211. Orders must be in by Sunday, Feb. 26, or while supplies last.

### BRIDGING COURSE FOR WOMEN

The Women's Studies Program, Atkinson College, York University, is again offering a 13-week non-credit bridging course for women who have been out of the formal educational system for some time and want to explore their potential for university study. Classes run March 1 to May 31.

Course material is designed to improve reading, writing and analytical skills and focuses on the portrayal of contemporary women in fiction and articles.

The fee is $50 plus books. For information,

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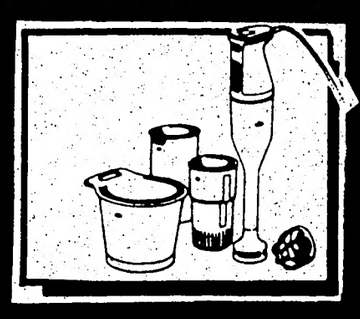

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call **Marlene Richman**, coordinator, at 736-5222 ext. 3183. Enrollment is limited, so don't delay.

**CAMP STAFF POSITIONS**

The Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley branch has summer camp staff positions available. Applicants must be at least 16 years of age.

The JCC Valley is also looking for counsellors for the Passover break program which runs Monday, Tuesday and Friday, April 24, 25 and 28.

Application forms are available at the JCC NE Valley branch, 7015 Leslie St., Thornhill, L3T 6L6, or by mail. For information, call **Luni** at 889-0813.

**LEGAL AID CLINICS**

An ongoing program which offers free legal advice is available at two North York Public Libraries. This service is provided through the Ontario Legal Aid plan, by appointment only.

The program at Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., is available on Tuesdays from 6.30-8.30 p.m. through to June 27. Call 395-5591 for an appointment.

The program at Downsview Regional Library, 2793 Keele St., runs on Thursdays from 7-8.30 p.m. through to June 29. Phone 395-5720 for an appointment.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Be part of a dynamic volunteer team, offering telephone befriending, crisis intervention and suicide prevention; face-to-face crisis/grief counselling and telephone counselling and information for assaulted women. Distress Centre has openings in the winter 89 skills training program. To obtain your information package, call the Volunteer Centre in North York at 481-6194.

The Institute for Renewed Education, located at York University, needs volunteers to assist students in upgrading their skills through the usage of computers. If you are interested, call the North York Volunteer Centre at the above number.

The Second Mile Club has a new program which gives house-bound, frail elderly the opportunity to socialize and have a hot meal at the Carlton St. branch, 192 Carlton St. A volunteer driver (with regular driver's licence) able to drive a 5-seater van is needed for these Wednesdays. An orientation/training course will be offered. If you would like to know more about it, call **Cheryl** at 597-0841.

**TO SPEAK IN VANCOUVER**

**Rabbi Mitchell Serels,** director of Sephardic community programs and associate director of the Jacob E. Safra Institute of Sephardic Studies at Yeshiva University in New York City, will speak at Sephardic Congregation Beth Hamidrash in Vancouver on Saturday, Feb. 25, and Sunday, Feb. 26.

**Rabbi Mitchell Serels**

Rabbi Serels' topic on Feb. 25 will be The Richness of Our Sephardic Heritage. The 6 p.m. program at the 3231 Heather St. synagogue is being sponsored by Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) as part of its ongoing Ambassador Program, designed to bring issues confronting Judaism to local communities throughout North America. The evening's program will include a 3-course Sephardic style dinner.

Rabbi Serels will also speak the following evening, at 8 at a maleveh malka on the topic The Relationship of Sephardic Jews in Israel. Spiritual leader of Beth Hamidrash is **Rabbi David Bassous**.

Prior to his 1973 Yeshiva University appointment, Rabbi Serels served as spiritual leader of Congregation Petah Tikvah in Toronto and as co-chairman of the Canadian Committee for the Rescue of Jews in Arab Lands. Since 1973 he has served as faculty advisor for Club Canada, an association of Canadians attending YU.

## at the jcc

Singles — dance away the February blues at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) on Sunday, Feb. 26, from 7-11 p.m. There will be a buffet, deejay and cash bar. Admission is $10 and tickets are available at the door or in advance. Call **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Sunday, March 12, is the Bloor Y family Purim party. It runs from 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and features a carnival, booths, lunch, hamentashen and prizes. Tickets are available at the door. For information, contact **Beverly Brock** at above number.

Applications are being accepted for March break Fun Days at the Bloor Y taking place March 17, 20, 21, 22 and 23 for children 5-10 years of age. This school break program runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the cost is $18 daily. For information, contact **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

Applications are also being accepted for Summer Fun Camp at Bloor Y. Contact **Beverly Brock** about this too.

## for seniors

Free tax preparation assistance for seniors is being offered by **Senior Adult Services** of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., in cooperation with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario on Tuesdays, Feb. 28-April 11 from 6.30-9 p.m. Call early to reserve the time and date you want. For appointments, contact **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 232.

**The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group**, an ongoing support service for widows 55 and over, meets every other Sunday from 1-2.30 p.m. in the library of the centre, 55 Ameer Ave. The group leader is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting is set for Sunday, Feb. 26. For further information, call 789-5131, ext. 2271.

**Earl Bales Seniors' Club** — A concert featuring the Flamenco Dancers and surprise acts is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Earl Bales Community Centre in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard. Admission is free to members, $1 non-members...A dance with a live band is being held Sunday, Feb. 25, from 8-11 p.m. in the community centre. The charge is $3 members, $4 non-members...The movie, The Golden Age of Second Ave., will be shown on Wednesday, March 1, at 2 p.m. in the club house. Admission is free for members, $1 for non-members. Refreshments will be served...Activities during February and through to mid-March include shuffleboard on Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to noon, barber service on Mondays 9 a.m. to noon, Tai Chai on Mondays 10-11 a.m., and ballroom and line dancing on Tuesdays 10 a.m. to noon. For information about all programs, contact **Charles Cohen** at 741-4462 or **Mary Gregg** at 633-6184...A trip to the Catskills at the Pines Hotel for members only, is planned for July 27-Aug.1 For details, call 636-7856 Mondays and Tuesdays.

At its Tuesday, Feb. 28, meeting, **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50** is featuring singer-guitarist **Kim Kowarsky**. The time is 1.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Coffee and cake will be served. The charge for non-members is $1.50.

Home Support Services of York Region is offering kosher Meals on Wheels in the Thornhill area, prepared by the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. For information, call **Jean Jacobs**, HSS coordinator, at 832-8406.

**Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club**, 470 Glencairn Ave — On Monday, March 6, at 1 p.m. **Bob Pritchard** will give a lecture and documentary on drugs and drug-food interaction. The charge is $1 members, $1.50 guests...Singer-pianist **Ellen Krylov** will begin a regular program on Monday, March 13, at 1 p.m. This is free to members...Tai Chai and dancersize dances continue indefinitely...Upcoming outings include — The Three Penny Opera at the Bluma Appel Theatre on Wednesday, March 15, ($11 members, $12 guests); a musical, What About Love, at Cullen Barns on Wednesday, March 29, ($13 members, $14 guests); the National Ballet performance of The Merry Widow at O'Keefe Centre on Tuesday, May 9, and Kiss Me Kate at Stratford on May 15 (prices to be adjusted)...Trips to the Catskills at the Homowack Hotel in early July and to Israel are being planned...For information about all activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923.

**Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre**, 1 Overland Dr., Don Mills, is holding its annual income tax form assistance clinics on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through March and April. This service is available to any senior, 55 and over, with a maximum income of $14,000 for a single senior or $19,000 for a senior couple. Appointments are necessary. Call 447-7244.

**Bloor Y Seniors** activities for this coming week include — Monday, Feb. 27, knitting at 10 a.m. and bridge at 1 p.m.; Tuesday, Feb. 28, fitness at 12.30 p.m. and current events at 2 p.m.; Wednesday, March 1, singalong at 1.30 p.m., and Thursday, March 2, fitness at 12.30 p.m. and a Holly concert at 2 p.m. presenting **Adam Timoon** singing, kibbitzing and offering a fabulous afternoon. The Bloor Y branch of the Jewish Community Centre is located at 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). For information, contact **Beverly Brock** at 924-6211.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The Aluma Canadian Club, for Israelis and Hebrew speaking persons 55 and over, is taking a February winter break and will not be meeting until Wednesday, March 1, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. when the program will be a movie. Also, the club's Purim party is set for Saturday, March 18, at 8.30 p.m. with dinner-entertainment with **Boris Neiman**. The charge is $12.50 members, $15 non-members. For information, call **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273, or **Avraham Leibovich** at 633-2630...A social afternoon in the Assembly Room is planned for Sunday, Feb. 26, from 2-3 p.m...On Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 7.30 p.m. pianist **Nathan Rosen** and clarinetist **Barry Craig** will perform from 7.30-8.30 p.m.

Members of **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni** are welcome to attend the temple brotherhood breakfast meeting on Sunday mornings. Check details in What's New section under Sunday date.

**CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING**

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Support groups meeting under the auspices of La'Briyut Wellness Centre during March and April include—

Reminiscence Group with **Judy Johnson**, a memory sharing experience, on Wednesdays from 10-11.30 a.m., March 1, 15 and 29 and April 12 and 26.

Spinach, a game in which players learn what changes to expect as they grow older and how to handle these changes, on Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m., March 8 and 22 and April 5 and 19.

Successful Slimming, a 7-week program with nutritionist/dietician **Paula Ruch**, on Mondays from 1-2 p.m., March 6, 13, 20 and 27 and April 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Seniors Coping with Grief, a new support group for seniors who have lost an adult child, on Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m., March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 and April 5, 12 and 26. If you would like more information about this group, contact **Shari Cherney** or **Suzanne Lando** at 225-2112.

The Wellness Centre together with the Lifelong Learning Institute is presenting the fourth session of the new course, Understanding Intimacy in Later Years, on Tuesday, Feb. 28, from 1-2.30 p.m.

Members are reminded to purchase tickets early for the Celebration of Purim taking place Wednesday, March 22, at 1.30 p.m. It features the Creative Choir, hamentashen and coffee and the cost is $2.

Dance to the lively music of the Creative Band on Sunday, Feb. 26, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. Admission is $2.50 members, $3 non-members.

*TORCH BEARER FOR YAD VASHEM*

**The Knights of Pythias, Judea Lodge 52, recently became a Torch Bearer for Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial, by purchasing a special menorah sold by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. From left are Sir Arnold Phillips, past chancellor commander of the lodge; Lou VanDelman, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem executive director; Morris Rosenbaum, past supreme chancellor commander, and Nelson Modlin, chancellor commander. For information on how to become a Torch Bearer, call the Canadian Society at 665-0110. [Marie Josee Crete photo]**

*USDS STUDENTS AT BAYCREST*

**The grade 8 students at the Bathurst campus of United Synagogue Day School spent one afternoon during the fall term volunteering at Baycrest Centre. They helped with the lounge program, bingo, arts and crafts, and visiting residents on several floors. The program was integrated with classroom studies in literature and texts (both Hebrew and English), health, science and social studies. Program was designed by Aaron Nussbaum, director of education, and Zita Gardner, coordinator of educational services at USDS, and Sandra Paquette, volunteer services, and Eyal Bodenstein, program services at Baycrest. From left are students Adam Posluns, Mark Weinstock and Benjamin Silverberg with Baycrest resident Morris Sitcovsky.**

## About People

**VANCOUVER APPOINTMENT**

**Felicia Folk**, a partner in the law firm of Farber and Folk, has been appointed to the Vancouver Police Board.

**Felicia Folk**

A graduate of Vancouver Talmud Torah, Eric Hamber Secondary School, Bryn Mawr College in Philadelphia, and Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, she has practiced law in Vancouver since 1976, specializing in civil litigation.

Folk has been a lecturer in business law at the University of British Columbia, co-chairman of the Carnegie Centre Review Panel for Vancouver City Council, and a member of the Mayor's Task Force on AIDS. She is a past trustee of Temple Sholom and immediate past co-chairman of the Jewish Business and Professional Women's group. She is currently serving on the board

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## singles events

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*Says uprising poses difficulties for commanders*

# Former IDF psychologist tells of intifada stress

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

Reuven Gal

**TORONTO —**

Dealing with the intifada is almost paradoxical. Commanders are called upon to deal with issues which are unusual and to deal with them in a manner contrary to what they've been taught as the normal method of leading soldiers.

**In combat, the commanders are conditioned to push their soldiers and lead them forward, but fighting the intifada, the commander must show restraint, exhibit control and limit his troops' activities, says an expert in military studies.**

"And they do it quite skilfully I might add," says Reuven Gal, formerly the chief psychologist of the Israel Defence Forces and the head of its behavioral sciences unit. Gal is a recognized authority in the area of stress management as it affects military combat performance.

Gal was a combat officer in the IDF and retired with the rank of colonel. Today, he is the director of the Israeli Institute for Military Studies in Zichron Ya'acov, a research insititute dedicated to the study of military issues relating to the behavioral sciences.

He will be in Toronto at the beginning of March at the invitation of the Canadian Armed Forces to give presentations.

**While in Toronto, Gal will be the guest speaker at 8 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at a special evening co-sponsored by the adult education committee of the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue and the Israel Soldiers Welfare Fund. His topic will be The Moral Conflict of the Israeli Soldier.**

The author of the book Portrait of the Israeli Soldier (Greenwood Press, 1986), and numerous scholarly papers, Gal founded the non-profit institute more than two years ago.

Gal studied psychology and sociology at the Hebrew University, where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees. He was sent by the IDF to study for his PhD at the University of California at Berkeley.

**He is a frequent lecturer and recognized throughout the world for his research in the psychology of military sciences. He has lectured at many American military academies including Annapolis, West Point, and Colorado Springs.**

Gal, who is easy going and soft spoken, says he established the research institute because he wondered how, "in a country like ours with so much emphasis placed on defence and the military, there was no centre to deal with research on this subject from the viewpoint of the behavioral sciences?"

After 22 years in the military services, including two months inside Lebanon at the beginning of the Lebanon War, Gal scrutinzes many fields at the IIMS. Recently, the Institute explored stress inoculation techniques — or how to get through the high-anxiety period preceding a dangerous mission.

**Not all the Institute's studies relate directly to the military. Gal notes that currently, IIMS is carrying out a project for the education ministry, investigating the attitudes of 5,500 high school students in grades 10, 11, and 12, to military and defence issues.**

As well, a current project involves a study on the psychological impact of non-conventional methods such as nuclear and chemical warfare.

Gal says that the most important asset a military organization has, more than its equipment, is the full commitment of its personnel because they might have to pay the price of their lives.

"Soldiers must not have even the smallest doubt of the absolute imperative of the use of the army. They must be convinced that there is no alternative, that they *must* be sent to fight."

**He stresses that morale is essential for combat effectiveness. There is a component he calls "perceived legitimacy" of a military operation. "That is, if you know why you are there, why you are fighting and what you are fighting for, it will enhance your morale."**

In Lebanon, the morale of the troops did not decline after a couple of weeks into the war, he says. "That's somewhat surprising since the perceived legitimacy of the general population of Israel did decline because the war didn't involve a threat of survival, as in previous wars."

His theory is that the troops' morale did not decline because the soldiers inferred their "perceived legitimacy" from their immediate commanders. "So the whole issue of legitimacy can be mediated by the commander. As long as there is trust and confidence in the commander, morale remains high."


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Folk is the daughter of **Lilli and Izak Folk** of Vancouver. She is married to **Alan Farber**, who has just completed his term as president of the Jewish Community Centre. They have three children, **Jessica**, 12, **Alexander**, 10, and **Kyra**, 6.

**RABBI WITTY TO BE HONORED**

**Rabbi Irwin Witty** has been named the honoree of the dinner to benefit Yeshivot Hesder in Israel, in recognition of his 20 years of service to the Toronto Jewish community as executive director of the Board of Jewish Education.

The dinner is arranged for Sunday, May 1. **Yitz Feldman** and **Jack Kahn** will serve as co-chairmen.

*HOSEK IN ISRAEL*

**Chaviva Hosek, Ontario minister of housing, met with Prof. Amnon Pazy, president of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, during her recent visit to Israel.**

## *Rodal was Yeshiva pioneer*

**MONTREAL —**

Rabbi Joseph Rodal, one of the founders of the Rabbinical College of Canada (the Lubavitcher Yeshiva) and owner of Rodal's book store, died recently at the age of 75.

Born in Poland, he attended the Lubavitcher yeshiva near Warsaw and graduated in the top of his class. At the outbreak of World War II, he fled to Vilna, which was then under Soviet control.

In early 1940, he obtained a visa to Japan and soon after arriving went to Shanghai, China. He came to Montreal in 1941, along with eight other students from his yeshiva.

Rodal was part of the "group of nine" that established the Rabbinical College that year, and he was its principal for the next 13 years.

He left to open his book store in the early 1950s, but remained active in the yeshiva and Lubavitch communities.


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# Organizations and People

## Avital Sharansky attended

# *Israel women's college attempts to raise funds*

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Avital Sharansky snatched time between agitating for her husband Natan's release from the Soviet gulag to study Torah and Judaism. The school she chose was Michlelet Orot Yisrael, located in Elkana, near Tel Aviv, the only women's college in Israel founded as part of and according to the principles of the Bnei Akiva movement.

Three Michlelet Orot officials were in Toronto recently to raise funds for the school and to let Toronto know more.

They were Orot's founder and dean, Rabbi Yehuda Felix, who also founded the Yeshivat Or Chaim and Ulpanot Orot School for Girls, the Bnei Akiva schools in Toronto, Asher Parshani, director of development and public relations, and Moshe Chusid, who teaches applications of computers in Jewish studies at the institution, were in Toronto recently to raise funds for the school, and to let Toronto know more about it.

The school was founded in 1979, and follows the philosophy of Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, the first Chief Rabbi of Israel.

**Kook, who died in 1935, believed, said Felix, that the resettlement of Israel was the first step in the redemption of the Jewish people. Education, then, should teach, not just Torah, but how to be productive and contributing citizens of Israel as well.**

This philosophy of communal responsibility, said Parshani, is continued at Orot, as the girls are required to give at least two hours a week working with the needy or disadvantaged.

**Courses range from Jewish studies, including Talmud, Rambam, Jewish history and philosophy to maths and sciences, computers, and special education. Students can earn a teacher's licence as well as a BA degree in liberal arts or science.**

There is also the Paula R. Goldman School for Nurses, which must be unique in providing both professional training and Jewish studies.

Orot has a 1-year Bat Zion program for young women from North America and Europe, in which they not only study Jewish texts but learn how to teach them. They also deal with more controversial topics such as science and religion.

Rabbi Yehuda Felix

**An ulpan program is available for those weak in Hebrew, and the girls get the opportunity to tour Israel and experience different facets of life in the Jewish state.**

**Michlelet Orot has special programs too; a basic course in Judaism for Ethiopian young women, who split their time between this school and a nearby ORT one, and an upgrading program for girls from South Africa and Australia, who according to Felix, may not have as good an academic background, Jewishly speaking, as those from other Western countries.**

Chusid told The CJN about the school's work in developing the use of computers in education. One program he is especially pleased with is the "Computerized Torah Treasure", which is an information retrieval system from a data base including the Talmud, Bible Midrash, Rambam and the Shulchan Aruch.

"Laboratories used to be only for physics; now they are for Jewish studies as well," said Chusid, a former Phantom navigator in the IDF now doing graduate work at Bar- Ilan University in the use of computers in education.

**Students from all programs attend classes together, share living arrangements, and take part in community projects together, so a real feeling of friendship springs up between them, the men agreed.**

Parshani, who has a varied background which includes education, history, and, like Chusid, yeshiva and army service, told The CJN about the modern dorms, classrooms, library, computer centre, and science labs.

**Many facilities have been donated by Toronto families, he pointed out, citing Israel and Golda Koschitsky, Mendy and Marilyn Meirovitch, Nachman and Berta Sokol, Jack and Ann Weinbaum, Jack and Susan Kahan, and Phil and Faigie Schwartz. He stressed that the campus needs to expand, both in living accommodations and academic facilities.**

While in Toronto, the three attended a reception at the Inn on the Park, where the special guests were Felix and Rabbi Pinchas Haymon, formerly a rabbi of an orthodox synagogue in Calgary, now living in Israel.

# Teachers' Holocaust course

TORONTO —
Thirty educators are expected to participate in the 2nd annual Teacher's Summer Institute Seminar on the Holocaust, a program designed to aid in teaching about the Holocaust in a Canadian context.

**The program, which runs Aug. 22-25 at the University of Toronto, will include lectures, films, survivor accounts, a tour of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre in Toronto and discussions with experienced classroom teachers.**

A number of speakers will address the seminar, including historian Dr. Paula Draper; Prof. Irving Abella, co-author of None is Too Many; Dr. Alan Bardikoff, immediate past chairman of Toronto Jewish Congress' Holocaust education committee; Faye Shulman, a partisan fighter who will describe her wartime photographs and experiences; Rev. Victor Shepherd, who will discuss Christian anti-semitism; and Mark Skvirsky of Facing History and Ourselves.

Among the topics to be discussed are obedience and resistance; Canadian responses to the Holocaust, Holocaust denial and the Canadian response to the world refugee crisis.

**To participate, applicants must submit a registration form by April 28, along with a letter of intent and a supporting letter of recommendation from your department head, principal or supervisor.**

The tuition fee is $135, which includes the program, resource material, lunches, dinner, wine and cheese reception.

The program is sponsored by The Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress in conjunction with Facing History and Ourselves, an organization dedicated to Holocaust education and is partially subsidized by TJC and Canadian Jewish Congress.

For more information, contact Congress at (416) 635-2883.

# *Yiddish book published*

MONTREAL —
The Joseph and Nachum Berman Department of the Literature of the Jewish People at Bar-Ilan University in Israel has launched the first of a series of scholarly publications in Yiddish with the appearance of the late J. Yeaushon's volume of selected essays.

**The author, who wrote under the pen name of "Itchele," was a popular columnist and essayist of the Warsaw Yiddish press prior to World War II.**

**A selection of his voluminous writings on Jewish religious thought, contemporary issues and historical themes have been assembled in a 550-page volume entitled Yesterday, published by the Rena Costa Yiddish Chair of the Berman Department, named for the Montreal philanthropist.**

A huge gathering celebrating the publication of the book was convened by the Jerusalem Yiddish Writers and Journalists Association. Hundreds had to be turned away because of limited seating capacity.

Following the publication of this volume, the Berman Department will begin a series of studies and essays on various Yiddish writers. The first scheduled to appear is on Montreal-based Yiddish author Yehuda Elberg, a winner of the Itzik Manger Prize of Yiddish literature.

**Joseph Berman, for whom (with his late son Nachum) the department is named, has been a resident of Montreal for over 60 years where he has been identified with numerous Canadian, American and particularly Israeli philanthropic endeavors in Hebrew and Yiddish culture and education.**

He has received honorary doctorates from both the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Bar-Ilan in Ramat Gan.


Soldiers of Israel say *"Mazel Tov and Thank You"* to Mary & Max Stern

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# Organizations and People

## *Bais Yaakov graduates told:*

# Torah learning helps Orthodox community

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

**TORONTO —**

The level of Torah knowledge and understanding instilled in the graduates of Bais Yaakov High School is responsible in large part for the flowering of the Orthodox community in Toronto, the 27th annual banquet of the school was told.

Over 400 people attended the dinner, which was held at the Torah Emeth Synagogue, decorated in pink and black for the occasion.

Rabbi Zachariah Gelley, spiritual leader of K'hal Adath Yeshurun of Washington Heights, NY, explained that the Torah is not just a set of laws given for the betterment of society, as many think.

"All civilized societies have rules and regulations — they couldn't exist without them." People realize, he said, that it's in their best interests to write and observe laws.

**What the Torah teaches, he said, is how to be a better person, and how to handle the trials through which one will be put.**

The Torah deals with the perfection of the individual, Gelley said. On the other hand, he said, if everyone acted as the Torah wanted them to, society would have no problems.

He urged the audience not to take G-d's blessings for granted, or to despair at His trials, but to realize that both are but one aspect of preparing for the world to come.

Women, he said, especially have the ability to understand what life is all about. In Egypt, they wouldn't let their men lose hope of being freed from slavery. They understood that their suffering was for a purpose, and would end.

Before the war, it was often hard, Gelley said, for yeshiva students to find wives because of the difficult lives they would have to lead. Now, "due to Bais Yaakov," that is no longer the case. It is due in large measure to these women, he asserted, that there has been a revival of Torah in Toronto after the Holocaust.

**Gelley concluded with a reminder of the obligation to help and encourage the non-observant to return to a Torah way of life.**

Rabbi Akiva Stefansky, principal of the school, said that the purpose of Bais Yaakov is not merely to teach computers and chumash, but to develop the students personalities, and to instil in them a positive self-image and a sensitivity to the needs and problems of the Jewish community.

**Just as G-d, according to a midrash, kept a brick under His feet to give Him a real empathy with the suffering of the Jews in Egypt, so too, he said, you must be able to involve yourself in the suffering and in the joy and happiness of others. "This is what is learned at Bais Yaakov."**

Rabbi Shimshon Stern, chairman of the event, said that it was significant that the dinner was held during the week of the Torah reading of Terumah, the section dealing with the building of the sanctuary in the desert.

Just as the Jews built a place for the shechina, the spirit of G-d, to rest, he said, so too the students of Bais Yaakov build Jewish homes in which G-d's holy spirit is found.

In his welcome, school president Ernest Werner talked about the tremendous growth of the student body, which was achieved, he said, while still maintaining a strong curriculum. He expressed pride in the school's "giving attention to each individual and her special needs."

He urged the parents and the community to join the current fundraising campaign to increase both the physical facilities and the services the school provides.

Grade 12 students Elisheva Wagner and Susie Jenah received the Boruch Nussbaum Scholarship from the Bais Yaakov Women's League for achieving the highest academic averages in their respective classes.

## *Hebrew U professor to address lecture*

**TORONTO —**

Dual Loyalties: Religious and Political Expressions of Babylonian Jewish Patriotism will be the subject of a colloquium at the University of Toronto at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Isaiah Gafni, professor of Jewish History at the Hebrew University and visiting professor at Harvard will give the lecture in the colloquium sponsored by the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lecture Fund and presented by the U of T's Centre for Religious Studies.

The event will be held in the Upper Library of Massey College, 4 Devonshire. Members of the U of T staff, students and the public are invited.

## Gutkin honored

**WINNIPEG —**

Harry Gutkin, president of the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada, and his wife Mildred Gutkin have been awarded the Margaret McWilliams Medal in the 1988 competition sponsored by the Manitoba Historical Society.

The medal was awarded for their book The Worst of Times, the Best of Times, the reminiscences of 18 individuals, former North Enders in Winnipeg, who as a group reached a high level of achievement.

The award was presented to the Gutkins at the MHS' annual Sir John A. Macdonald Anniversary Dinner.


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# Organizations and People

## Choose Bonds dinner, rather than bargaining table

# *Labor, management unite to honor their leaders*

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Labor and management abandoned the bargaining table recently for a less confrontational meeting — dinner.

The rare $400-a-plate event — promoting sales of Israel Bonds, and honoring labor advocate Michael Reilly and building industry leader John Bassel — attracted more than 500 developers, union bosses, members and others of all faiths and backgrounds. Ticket prices included dinner and a $250 (U.S.) Israel Bond.

**"If anybody had told me 25 years ago that I would break bread with any union member, I would have thought he was loco," Elvio DelZotto, president of Tridel Corp., told the audience.**

"Instead what has happened is that there's been a recognition that our industry is better served by cooperation than confrontation."

During the tribute evening, held in the Sheraton Centre's expansive grand ballroom, Reilly was presented with Bonds' Israel Labor Medal for his labor leadership, humanitarian concern and solidarity with Israel.

Bassel received Bonds' Gates of Jerusalem Medal for his building industry leadership, humanitarian concern and support of Israel.

**Ontario Housing Minister Chaviva Hosek described the two as "men who have given their lives to public service."**

**The two have acted as advocates, said Hosek, keynote speaker.**

"In their own way each has taken action or spoken out for the greater good," she said.

Hosek called Reilly, who is secretary-treasurer of Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 183, a "tireless fighter" for construction worker safety, pension benefits, and a strong supporter of quality housing at affordable prices.

Bassel, president of the Metro Toronto Apartment Builders' Association, is a "tough but fair negotiator," she added.

"He puts a case on behalf of his members forcefully and he's always committed to keeping lines of communication open."

DelZotto said the evening was held not only to honor the two men, but also to sell Israel Bonds.

**"It's equally important for us to understand that in supporting the Israeli Bonds, we're supporting the only democracy in the Middle East and that is extremely important to world peace," he said.**

The event resulted in sales of more than $500,000 (U.S.) in Israel Bonds and notes. Among the groups to purchase financial instruments was the Hamilton Labor Union, which bought a $250,000 (U.S.) note.

Israeli Consul-General Benjamin Abileah, who presented the awards to Reilly and Bassel, said he wasn't surprised that a labor-management event had been held on behalf of Israel.

**"It has been long established that Israel was a forerunner in many respects in the promotion of the rights and dignity of labor and its proper blend into a new society which we wanted to build," Abileah said.**

Israel's labor federation was established almost 70 years ago and not only fought for laborers' rights, but "took to heart the whole idea of building a new nation," he said.

Reilly said Canada's labor movement has worked hard to create a strong relationship with Israel and its Histadrut labor movement.

"As many know, the Israeli labor movement has demonstrated fine union leadership," the father of nine said.

**Seen at the recent Bonds' event are (from left) John Stefanini, John Bassel, Michael Reilly, Harold Green and Benjamin Abileah. [Marie-Josee Crete photo]**

**"To its credit, it has provided a quality social service system, health care and child care programs, and pensions, to name just a few."**

Other program participants included Bassel; Hugh Heron, president of Heron Homes; Rev. Liam Gavigan, of O'Connor House; Cantor Efraim Sapir, of Beth Tikvah Congregation; John Stefanini, business manager of Laborers' International Union Local 183; Harold Green, president of Greenwin Developments and a director and past president of Metro Toronto Apartment Builders' Association; Gordon Wilson, president of Ontario Federation of Labor; and Larry Waller, Ontario Region executive director of Canada-Israel Securities.

Waller presented Bonds' Jerusalem City of Peace Awards to dinner co-chairmen Stefanini and Green for their efforts in organizing the event.

## BB Women's convention May 28-30 in Montreal

TORONTO —

B'nai B'rith Women of Canada will be holding its national convention from May 28-30 at the Delta Hotel in Montreal, says the organization's national president, Ruth Rose, of Toronto.

The theme of the convention is Blueprint for the Future. Delegates from across Canada will hear presentations on a variety of topics including The Plight of World Jewry Today and Tomorrow, the Relevance of the Holocaust, Self-Realization and Thriving on Chaos.

Sandy Sitcoff of Montreal has been appointed convention chairman. A former teacher with the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal and part time commerical artist, Sitcoff has been actively involved in B'nai B'rith Women for many years.

She is past president of Mount Royal Chapter and has served as a member of the national membership cabinet as well as on the executive board as area service chairman and program aid to chapters chairman. Currently she is editor of the B'nai B'rith Women of Canada national publication The Canadian Scene.

In addition, Sitcoff is the founding president of the Jewish Nursing Home Auxiliary in Montreal and a member of their Board of Director. She is also actively involved in the United Talmud Torah of Montreal and the Alzheimer Society.


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# Rabbis set High Holidays Bonds campaign goal

JERUSALEM —

North American rabbis, representing more than 2 million congregants from all major streams of Jewish life, have set $75 million (U.S.) as their 1989 High Holiday campaign goal for Israel Bond and note sales, says an Israel Bonds news release.

**The 150 rabbis, who attended a recent 4-day Bonds rabbinic conference here, also pledged to visit Israel again later this year, bringing tens of thousands of their congregants with them.**

The 4th annual conference was held to promote Israeli tourism among North American Jews.

Toronto rabbis included Beth Tikvah's Wayne Allen, chairman of Israel Bonds' rabbinic cabinet, and Beth Tzedec's J. Benjamin Friedberg. Rabbi Martin Applebaum, from Congregation Shaar Hashomayim of Windsor, Ont., also joined the delegation.

Keynote speakers stressed the need for more Jewish people to visit Israel.

"Use your influence to bring people here — not to save us, but to enjoy life with us," Tourism Minister Gideon Patt told the rabbis.

**Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir called on the rabbis to respond to current issues.**

**"We have not waged the historic struggle on behalf of Soviet Jewry in order to move Jews from one Diaspora to another Diaspora," Shamir said.**

"We fought for the return to Zion which is our top national objective."

Shamir said it's imperative that the Bonds organization become active in developing an infrastructure that would make absorption of Soviet immigrants in Israel easier.

**In response to Shamir's call, the rabbis endorsed a resolution calling upon Bonds' international leadership to add to its regular campaign new financial instruments which could provide funds for housing and employment for an expected increase in Soviet Jewish immigration.**

Meanwhile, President Chaim Herzog allayed fears of violence when he said Israeli cities have only one-tenth of violent crime as compared to U.S. cities.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek added: "Only one Arab has been killed in Jerusalem since the start of the intifada."

**Seen at the recent Bonds event are (from left) Rabbi Howard Shube of Philadelphia, Rabbi Wayne Allen of Toronto's Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Motta Gur and Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation.**

*Bad water yields good tomatoes*

# BGU reports breakthrough

By PHIL FINE

TORONTO — —

Brackish water is bad for you. In fact, because it's so salty, it's downright nauseating. But it's great for growing tomatoes.

Just ask Arnie Schlissel, project specialist for Ben-Gurion University.

**Schlissel, in Toronto recently to speak to BGU supporters, says the university's experiments in both Israel and Egypt have shown that tomatoes grown in brackish water are easier to peel and contain more pulp than those grown in fresh water.**

The finding is important to a country like Israel where rainfall is scarce but where vast tracts of brackish water lie beneath the Negev.

But it's even more important, says Schlissel, to developing nations — particularly, drought-stricken ones — which have brackish water beneath desert sand but which also have hundreds of thousands of mouths to feed.

The tomato experiments aren't the only way in which BGU's work can benefit developing countries. Algae research, Schlissel says, also holds promise.

Arnie Schlissel

In fact, he points out, the university is not only studying how the plant growth can be used for fish farming but how it can be made edible for humans as well.

**Developing nations can also benefit from BGU's community doctor program, Schlissel says. The program, which emphasizes humanities as well as the sciences, aims to produce generalists rather than specialists. So far, the program has been copied by both Egypt and Australia.**

Schlissel is also enthusiastic about the university's community outreach programs. One, for example, sees BGU students given accommodation in exchange for volunteer work with poor Jews from North Africa.

The students, who live in the same apartment blocks as the North Africans, set up craft classes, run interference with the Israeli bureaucracy and help organize a week-long youth camp at Ashkelon each summer.

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BGU will be able to continue its research in biotechnology thanks in part to support from the Toronto Young Leadership Division of BGU's Canadian Associates.

The money will allow the university to continue research into algae production, food processing and amino acid biosynthesis, says BGU spokesman Claire Horowitz.

The support will also allow the biotechnology section to subscribe to several scientific journals as well as offer post-doctoral fellowships.

# Immigration policy hurt fleeing Jews

By AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —

The Allied countries did not have adequate immigration policies for Jews fleeing the Nazis even after sytematic extermination began in 1941, author Bernard Wasserstein said recently at the University of Toronto.

Wasserstein was speaking as part of the annual Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Lecture series on the topic Allied Refugee Policy during World War II.

**Said Wasserstein, a history professor at Brandeis University: "Jews had no problem leaving Germany until 1939; the problem was getting a country to accept them.**

"Britain limited its responsibility by setting a limit of 75,000 (Jews) to Palestine for five years in preparation of war," said Wasserstein, who is the author of several books, most recently, Britain and the Jews of Europe 1939-1945, and, The Secret Lives of Trebitsch Lincoln.

Wasserstein said the question that must be asked is "what degree of responsibility does the rest of the world have for a population (in trouble)?

**"So long as you are talking about dribbles, you hardly need a policy; when you are talking about hundreds of thousands or millions, you need a policy," added Wasserstein, who was educated at Oxford and Hebrew universities.**

According to Wasserstein, "only after the (German) invasions of Poland and the Soviet Union did the necessity for a special (Allied) Jewish policy arise.


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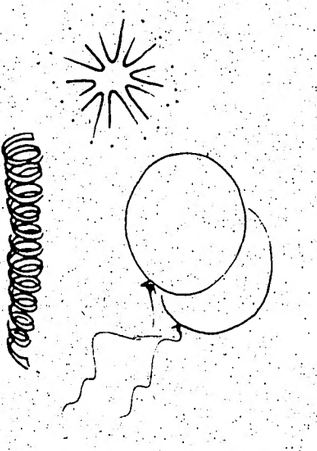

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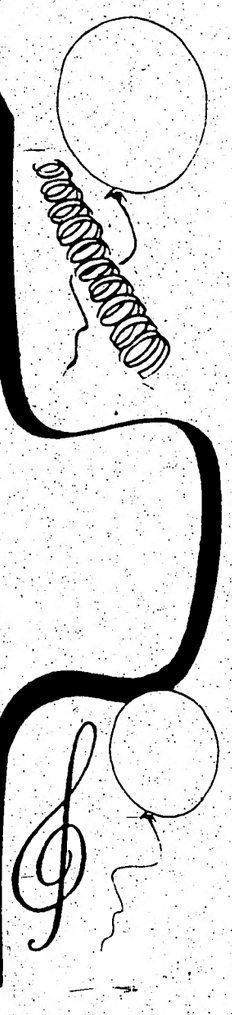

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# Organizations and People

## *Graduate Students Centre endowed at U of T*

# Shoppers Drug Mart founder Bain honored

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Some 1,000 business associates and friends of Irving Bain, a pioneer in consumer development in pharmacy and one of the founders of Shoppers Drug Mart, attended a tribute dinner earlier this week at the Sheraton Centre Hotel to honor him on his retirement from the company.

**To perpetuate his name and his achievements, and to provide an opportunity for others to walk in his footsteps, his family, friends and colleagues have endowed the Bain Graduate Students' Centre in the Koffler Institute for Pharmacy Management of the University of Toronto.**

Now under construction, the 3-storey Institute, on the west side of the St. George Campus close by the Faculty of Pharmacy, which is scheduled for completion in March, 1990, will be the first of its kind in North America.

Irving Bain

David Bloom, chairman and chief executive officer of Shoppers Drug Mart, who has worked closely with the honoree says, "Irving is the architect of the company's advertising and marketing thrust that changed the face of drugstore retailing in Canada."

He adds that Bain has had a positive influence on the careers of many pharmacists as well as the business growth of many supplier companies.

**Bain, who since 1986 has held the position of executive vice-president of retail development — assisting the organization to expand through drugstore acquisitions and new location strategies — is the last of the nine founding members of Shoppers Drug Mart to retire.**

Recognizing the need for sound management training for pharmacists and the need to share marketing and merchandising ideas among community pharmacists, Bain has enthusiastically endorsed the Koffler Institute which he says "will provide the perfect vehicle for this type of grounding."

A graduate pharmacist, Bain was instrumental, along with six partners, in developing the Plaza Drugs chain in the early 1950s. When the group merged with the Koffler chain in 1968, Bain took over the marketing role and he is credited by his associates for much of the success of the Shoppers' chain.

**In recent years, he lent his expertise to the establishment of the Life Brand concept of private labelling and marketing Super X which was converted to the Shoppers' outlet formula.**

Bain's parents, Rose and the late Adolph Bain, came from Poland in their youth and married in Toronto in 1926. They were determined that their two sons, Irving and Jerald, would become professionals. Jerald Bain is an endocrinologist.

While still a teenager, Irving entered the field of community pharmacy at Lawrence Park Pharmacy at Yonge and Lawrence, owned by Wilfred Isaacson, a pioneer in pharmacy, with whom he later formed Plaza Drugs.

Bain graduated from the University of Toronto in 1950. He married Norma Bader the following year and two weeks after the wedding, he opened a drug store at Wilson and Jane streets.

**Several years later he expanded his premises and entered a partnership at Plaza. Within 15 years, the chain had 30 drug stores and four health and beauty aid stores throughout Ontario.**

When Plaza and Koffler merged, the founding fathers of Shoppers Drug Mart, named him vice-president of advertising as the chain expanded across Canada.

Along with an active career in pharmacy, he served as president of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto, and is active in the United Jewish Appeal and the State of Israel Bonds.

He says now that he is retiring, he will have more time for his children Marlene, Michael and Larry, and his grandchildren Jodi and Mathew. And he will have additional time to give to his profession and he hopes to make a significant contribution to his fellow man.

**"Irving's sense of fairness, especially to an underdog, is legendary," says Murray Koffler, honorary chairman of Shoppers Drug Mart. "Because of him, Shoppers Drug Mart has quietly assisted many worthwhile causes and many a worthy entrepreneur needing his first big chance in business."**

The co-chairmen of the Irving Bain Tribute Committee were David Bloom, Paul Mitchell, president of Johnson & Johnson Baby Products, and Gerald Halbert, president of Gersan Management Services.

Halbert said, "In the years to come, student and graduate pharmacists will know that Irving Bain helped to pioneer community pharmacy in Canada during four decades of involvement with Shoppers Drug Mart and the industry."

# *Egyptian documents tell of Jewish colony*

By
DORIS EPSTEIN

TORONTO —

The study of ancient documents found on site continues to expand modern knowledge about the fascinating saga of a Jewish military colony in southern Egypt.

**Hebrew University Prof. Bezalel Porten recently told a public gathering at Beth Tzedec Congregation that the Jews of Elephantine:**

- Practiced equal rights between men and women.
- Kept slaves.
- Practised intermarriage, employing an undetermined program of conversion.

Porten, an historian, and head of the Institute for the Study of Aramaic Papyrii, has been reconstructing and translating Elephantine papyrii for decades. He is the author of Archives from Elephantine, which was published in 1968 by the University of California Press.

Archeological discoveries on the island of Elephantine at the turn of the 20th century revealed that a Jewish military colony existed there between about 650 to 400 BCE.

**The Jewish soldiers were mercenaries guarding the southern border of Egypt from invasion. Elephantine is situated across from Aswan. They were first hired by Egyptian king Ptolemy during the 56th dynasty, said Porten. "When Persia conquered Egypt, they were asked to stay on."**

In 1906 German excavator, Otto Rubensohn, made his great discovery of the Aramaic papyrii in the ruins at Elephantine. "They tell us how Jews came there and about their way of life," said Porten.

In the summer of 410 BCE, the temple at Elephantine was destroyed by the local Egyptian priest, in collaboration with the Persian governor of the area, whom he bribed, said Porten.

"Most of our knowledge of the temple comes from a letter written by the head of the Elephantine Jewish community and probably the head priest, Jedaniah. He is the dominent figure in the papyrii.

**"The letter is written to the governor of Judea, Bagohi, in Jerusalem. It describes the Elephantine temple and tells poignantly of its destruction. Jedaniah asks for support for its reconstruction, but no reply was forthcoming," said Porten.**

A second appeal was sent in 407 to Bagohi in Jerusalem and to the two sons of the governor of Samaria.

Finally support came and the Elephantine Jews went to the Persian authorities with bribes to get permission to rebuild the temple.

The Persian monarchs were known for their religious tolerance. At the end of his fifth year, Darius II gave authorization for the Jews in Elephantine to observe Passover.

The bearer of the most famous of all the papyrii, the Passover letter, was called Hananiah. He began the letter with the greeting, "To my brothers Jedaniah and his colleagues, the Jewish garrison" and went on to give them instructions about how to observe Passover.

**They were obliged to remain "pure" throughout the week of Passover; fermented drink was prohibited; leaven had to be stored in sealed chambers; and for seven days only unleavened bread could be eaten.**

**Porten said more support for his institute would facilitate the decipherment of the papyrii.**

He offered to send a copy of a booklet on the papyrii in response to requests addressed to him at the Department of Jewish History, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.


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# Organizations and People

## Will help pay for athletes

# *Maccabi seeks supporters*

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
Maccabi Canada is hoping to fill two flights with up to 600 supporters from Montreal and Toronto for a special "supporters' mission" intended to help pay Canadian-Jewish athletes' way to the July 3-13 13th Maccabiah Games in Israel.

And there are a few good reasons for coordinators to feel expectations will be met.

**The most obvious is that participants will have the option of joining more than 4,000 Jewish athletes from around the world — including first-time athletes from Communist-bloc nations — in celebrating the bar mitzvah of the "Jewish Olympics."**

A more practical reason amounts to dollars and cents: the supporters' mission — and this year is the fourth — has proved popular as a prime fund raising vehicle for picking up the cost of sending the Canadian-Jewish contingent to the games. Because of the "mission" aspect, a donation is also required.

Maccabi Canada spends about $3,000 per athlete — from transportation to training to trials — and a record 300 Canadian athletes are expected to compete this year.

The only ones paying their own way are the older athletes in the separate Master's competition. Each is required to pay the travel costs of a regular competitor.

The missions have been growing in scope over the years. Only 50 went in 1977, followed by 250 in 1981 and 450 in 1985.

**Maccabi Canada does not hesitate to point out that mission-goers are not taking part in a discount flight to Israel. The mission is specifically intended to help finance the organization's expenses in developing Canadian-Jewish athletic talent, maintaining international competitive standards, and equipping and sending the team to Israel.**

**Separate flights will depart June 28 from Toronto and June 29 from Montreal, with respective airfares set at $1,409 and $1,349.**

**Maccabiah mission participants are being furnished with a range of options: land arrangments can be made independently or through the organization. Children ages 11 and under pay three quarters of the regular fare and a wide selection of hotel accommodations is available.**

**Return dates are open for a 2-month period with an optional European stopover at no extra charge.**

**Coordinators also note that there is no compulsion to attend the games, although participation is welcome. The only obligation is to leave for Israel on the mission planes.**

**Those participants who do decide to attend can sign up for a special Maccabiah bar and bat mitzvah tour highlighted by a July 13 ceremony at the Western Wall featuring Jewish youth from around the world.**

**They will also be welcome to attend any or all events, including the opening day ceremonies at Ramat Gan National Stadium, an evening in their honor at the Roman Amphitheatre in Caesaria, and closing ceremonies.**

Nicki Lang is coordinating the mission, and arrangements can be made only through Montreal by contacting Sandy Feldman at (514) 748-7711.

# New child care spaces created

TORONTO —
The provincial government has allocated $181,500 towards the creation of up to 127 child care spaces at three North York locations, Murad Velshi, MPP for Don Mills, recently announced on behalf of Ontario Minister of Community and Social Services John Sweeney.

The Kinder Circle Day Care Centre will receive $55,000 in capital funding for furnishings, toys and equipment, along with $20,000 in operational start-up funds to establish up to 25 new child care spaces for infants and toddlers.

The facility will be in the Hugh MacMillan Medical Centre at 350 Rumsey Rd. and will serve employees of the medical centre as well as working parents in the surrounding community.

**Pride in Heritage Children's Centres of North York will be given a $13,500 capital grant, and $31,500 in operational funding for program start-up for Children's Centre Grenoble, in the Grenoble Junior Public School. The facility will accommodate up to 30 school-age children from 6 to 12 years old.**

The Pride in Heritage organization will be granted $41,500 in capital and $20,000 in operational start-up funds for a second child care facility, Pride in Heritage Children's Centre Gateway. Located in the Gateway Public School on 55 Gateway Blvd., this centre will have up to 32 child care spaces for kindergarten children ages 4 and 5, and 40 spaces for school-age youngsters.

The funding for these new child care centres is one of the priorities contained in the ministry's paper entitled New Directions for Child Care.

**The total expenditures on child care by the ministry of community and social services will reach $325 million annually this year.**

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Sweeney also recently announced the introduction of a parent information poster as part of the ministry's parent information initiative, and an assessment of the way in which day care licencing requirements are currently enforced.

The poster, which will be phased in, beginning March 1, will be displayed in each of Ontario's licenced child care centres and will be mandatory.

**It will show five basic categories of information: staffing, program, discipline, health and safety, and the status of the licence. It indicates whether each centre measures up to required standards, and, if not, what action the operator must take to bring the centre up to regulation standard and by what date this must be done.**

# *U.S.-Israel friendship seen secure with Bush*

By
BRIAN HENRY

TORONTO —
In beginning talks with the Palestine Liberation Organization, the United States was trying to get the peace process moving "without giving the PLO what it really wanted — namely recognition," says an American political and foreign policy consultant specializing in Mideast affairs.

**John Rothmann said that when then-Secretary of State George Shultz decided to begin the talks, he was doing a "favor" to incoming President George Bush who wanted the dialogue.**

Rothmann, who is deeply involved in Jewish issues and who formerly worked on the staffs of Richard Nixon and Senator Frank Church, made his remarks to an audience at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

The talk was jointly sponsored by the synagogue's social action and community affairs committees, the North American Jewish (University) Student's Network, and NAHON, the North American High School Organization Network.

**He emphasized that the United States' friendship for Israel is firm. "You cannot run for elected office in the United States — and win — and be opposed to Israel."**

There is "a consensus" in the U.S., said Rothmann, that continuing talks with the PLO depends on that organization's "continuing good behavior."

Comparing Bush and Reagan, Rothmann said the new President "does not have the same . . . gut commitment to Israel that Ronald Reagan had."

However, he said Bush helped negotiate the American free trade deal with Jerusalem, was chairman of President Ronald Reagan's anti-terrorism committee, which negotiated close security arrangements with the Jewish state, and coordinated the airlift of Ethiopian Jews from Sudan to Israel.

**Looking to the future, Rothmann predicted, "George Bush is going to promote major arms sales to so-called moderate Arab states — certainly Saudi Arabia and maybe Jordan, as an inducement to bring King Hussein into the peace process."**

He also said the Bush administration would present "vigorous opposition" to the establishment of any new settlements in the territories.

# Postcard exhibit has Jewish cards

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —
Who buys old postcards which caricature Jews?

**Jews, says Brent Timmins. In fact, Jews are usually the biggest collectors of postcards with Jewish themes, says Timmins, who's organizing the Toronto Postcard Club's 8th annual Great Canadian Postcard Exposition.**

The sale, set for Feb. 26 at the downtown Holiday Inn on Chestnut St., runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $2 and includes a free limited edition show card.

Timmins says most of the show's 40 dealers will have Jewish postcards. Some will be what he terms "derogatory," that is, racist by today's standards but socially acceptable when first printed during the early 1900s.

**"Non-derogatory" cards (famous shuls, famous rabbis and scenes of early Palestine) will also be on display.**

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# Organizations and People

## Visit to Poland creates "emotional roller coaster"

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — Naomi Kruger, one of 45 members of B'nei Akiva International Youth Organization from around the world who recently visited Poland, says that the participants were chosen "so we could come back and educate others about what we saw."

**During the 10-day trip, the second year sociology and criminology student at the University of Toronto saw many infamous sites of the Holocaust as well as several lesser-known places of Jewish historical importance.**

"The focus for us, unlike many other groups, was not just the Holocaust, it was the hundreds of years of Jewish life in Poland," said Kruger.

"We focused heavily on the richness of Jewish life — the schools, the theatres, the culture — and the rise of chassidism. The thinking was that in order to appreciate the extent of the destruction, you have to know what was there to be destroyed."

**The group, whose guide was Avraham Duvdevani of Israel, went to sites in geographic rather than historical order, going "from great high points to depressing low points in Jewish history, creating in many of us a sort of emotional roller coaster."**

Among the places visited were Warsaw, Crakow, Auschwitz, Birkenau, Majdanek, Lublin, Treblinka, and the towns of Kotsk and Gur, which saw the rise of the chassidic movement more than two centuries ago.

In Crakow, they visited a museum in the former ghetto, schools and a theatre that were once Jewish and are now Polish, and "a synagogue that is still standing and still functioning." In Warsaw, they attended a pantomime version of an I. L. Peretz play put on by non-Jews in the Yiddish Theatre.

**In Majdanek they saw a stockpile of ownerless shoes and a large pile of ashes from the last few weeks of the death camp's operation. They walked through Jewish cemeteries, stood before monuments to the murdered, and davened mincha in a burnt-out crematorium in Birkenau.**

"Some people thought it was kind of morbid," says Kruger, whose grandparents were born in Poland and Russia, "but it gave me a good feeling to know that 40 years later Jews are still around and praying on the site."

Kruger has shared the knowledge and insight she has gained from her trip by speaking to numerous groups since her return. "I look upon it as a duty; it's my responsibility to share what I saw," says this 22-year-old who hopes eventually to work in the criminology field in Israel.

"I think that Jewish people aren't nearly aware enough, in general, that each and every one of us represents a part of Jewish history. And if we don't share that history and attempt to preserve it, nobody else will."

## Miami condos meet frum needs

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Construction has begun here on three luxury highrise condominiums which will contain Shabbat elevators and be within walking distance of several synagogues and Jewish day schools.

**The buildings — to be located on Collins Ave. along the popular palm-treed Gold Coast strip — will also contain double sinks in each condo unit to help observant Jews keep kosher.**

The projects are being built by subsidiaries of Pacific International Equities, Inc., Miami Beach's largest developer.

The company, headed by Montreal resident Charles Bedzow, has also been involved in numerous projects in the Montreal area, Ottawa, Toronto and Windsor, Ont. Its Canadian headquarters are in Montreal.

**"Pacific International has for some time been aware of the need for luxury highrise housing on Miami Beach which would accommodate the lifestyle of the observant Jew," Bedzow, the firm's chairman, said in a company news release.**

Senior vice-president Howard Shapiro, also of Montreal, added: "We believe this to be a unique situation. To our knowledge this is the first undertaking of its kind in South Florida and, perhaps, anywhere."

**Charles Bedzow (right) and Howard Shapiro examine floor plans for new Miami Beach condo.**

The first building, La Rive Gauche, facing Indian Creek, is expected to open this October at 5880 Collins. The building will contain 83 1- and 2-bedroom units with prices beginning at $85,000 (U.S.).

**L'Excellence, opening in August, 1990 at 5757 Collins, on the oceanfront, will have 24 floors with 137 luxury units, including several types of 2-bedrooms as well as customized apartments. Prices range from $250,000 to $1 million (U.S.).**

The final building, The Sterling, will open in October, 1990 at 6767 Collins. Located on the oceanfront on the former landmark Sterling Hotel site, the 22-storey project will have 185 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom units ranging in price from $107,000 to $300,000 (U.S.).

The buildings — costing an estimated $50 million (U.S.) to construct — will be within walking disance of Orthodox and Conservative shuls as well as Jewish day schools, including Alexander Gross Hebrew Academy, Torah Chaim, Torah Emeth, Lehrman Academy, Mesifta, Talmudic Academy and Hillel Academy.

Nearby hotels will include the Fontaihe Bleau Hilton and Doral.

Pacific International has been involved in real estate developments in South Florida, Atlanta, Washington and Canada for more than 35 years.

**In the Montreal area, the firm built the Dollard-Des-Ormeaux industrial park and Place Decarie office building in the west end, and Americana Towers and Habitation Mackle apartments in Cote St. Luc in the south end.**

It also constructed the Lord Elgin Plaza, a commercial highrise located near the Parliament buildings in Ottawa.

In Toronto, Windsor and Laval, Pacific has been involved in land and housing developments.

For more information on the new Florida condos, call La Rive Gauche at (305) 864-2525, Sterling at (305) 866-1149, and L'Excellence at (305) 865-1499.

Sales offices at all sites are open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Pacific is also developing Sunset Harbor Place and Sunset Harbor Marina just north of the Venetian Causeway on Miami Beach's Biscayne Bay.

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*There's this story about a new immigrant . . .*

# Prof attempts to solve Jewish joke question

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —
What makes a joke Jewish?

For decades, Dov Noy, a professor of Hebrew folklore and literature at Hebrew University, has attempted to solve that riddle. In the process, he and a team of researchers have collected some 17,000 Jewish jokes.

**Recently he gave an insightful and sometimes funny lecture at the University of Toronto in which he said that every Jewish joke contains at least one of four identifiable elements:**

First, the joke happens "in Jewish space — in Israel, a synagogue, a Jewish cemetery, home or club."

Second, it unfolds "in Jewish time — during prayers, Shabbat, a religious festival, a circumcision, wedding or funeral."

Third, it "involves Jewish persons — a biblical hero, rabbi, famous sage or a person named Rabinovitch in southern Russia; the name gives it a Jewish flavor."

Fourth, said, Noy, "is the most important element and the one most difficult to discover. It is the message, which is usually hidden. There's often some special message in Jewish jokes."

**Instead of "quoting from the literature or reading statistical data" to illustrate his findings, Noy told a funny story about a middle-aged Yemenite man who has just arrived in Israel as a result of Operation Magic Carpet.**

Needing a job, the man goes to a certain building where a doorman directs him to the fifth floor. Never having seen an elevator, he watches an elderly woman enter.

The doors close and, a moment later, reopen to reveal a beautiful young blonde. He leaves in astonishment, telling the doorman that he is going home to fetch his wife.

**Noy delivered this tale in a casual, off-handed manner, making occasional learned asides about the structure of humor.**

**When the laughter subsided (it took some time), he revealed that the joke wasn't over — that, like many a good yarn, it packed a double punch.**

Apparently, the newcomer returns to the building with his wife and orders her into the elevator. The doors close; when they reopen, his wife is still there.

**"I was indeed told of the anti-Yemenite discrimination in this country," the Yemenite fumes, "and now I see that this is true!"**

Jokes told by ethnic groups about themselves are often self-deprecatory, Noy said. Such stories often cross social and cultural lines; Noy gave the following example:

"Russians say that if you tell a joke to a peasant he will laugh three times — once when you tell it, once when you explain it, and once when he finally understands it."

In the Russian landowners' version of this joke, Noy said, the landowners laugh only twice — during the telling and during the explaining.

**And in the Jewish version, a Jew "doesn't laugh at all. Instead, he'll stop you and say, 'I've already heard it, and, besides, I tell it better than you.' "**

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## Fashion

# Shop caters exclusively to style-conscious seniors ...

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Margo Oborne knew her efforts were not in vain when a 93-year-old woman called her over and surprised her with a kiss of gratitude. The warm feeling one gets when they know they are doing something nice for the benefit of others and succeeding, has stayed with Oborne to this day.

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Traditions is a 1-of-a-kind clothing store in Toronto that caters exclusively in fashion for senior women.

Oborne, 48, recognized the need for such a store after taking care of her wheelchair-bound mother for three years.

"As far as I know, there is no other store like this out there. There are various businesses which do cater to the handicapped and the bedridden or carry a senior's line, but none sell exclusively and simply for seniors."

**It is a fact that 25% of the population is aged 50 and over. By the year 2020, the numbers are expected to grow to 40% — nor are those poor shut-ins as portrayed in the stereotypes. As Statistics Canada reports, those 50 and over hold 50% of discretionary income in Canada.**

When her mother died two years ago, Oborne undertook some in-depth research to discover what the seniors really wanted. She made several trips to retirement homes, sent surveys and reviewed the market to see if the possibility of such a store could become a reality. The responses from her research illustrated that a store like Traditions was badly needed.

Oborne also took the time to shop the fabric markets in New York and Montreal, and had samples made. These were received by an enthusiastic audience at the Salute to the Golden Years fashion show, and various other exhibitions.

Oborne equates dressing the body to decorating a house. Born in Whitby, she received her training in home economics. The mother of two graduated and worked in the field for eight years so she is definitely qualified as far as the business end of the

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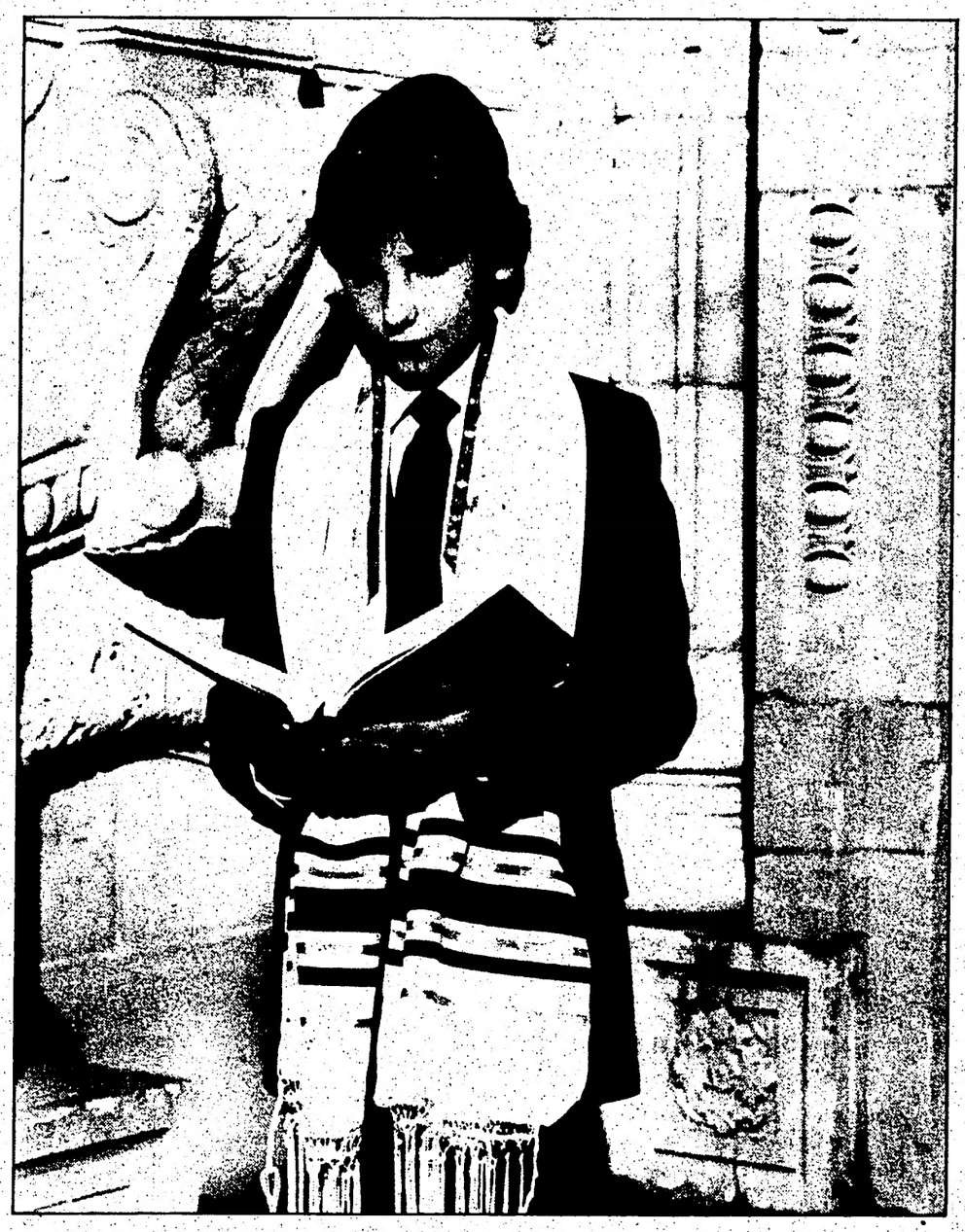


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# and has registration program

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shop is concerned.

In 1974, Oborne's career took a different turn when she took an interior design program. Her added background in design has been an asset in her dealings with a clothing store.

What has made the store such a success?

**"Women who have liked to look attractive all their lives don't suddenly change their attitude once they reach their later years. It is wrong to assume that they are too tired or too sick to care about their appearances."**

To make things more convenient, Oborne has instituted several unique services for her senior customers.

The owner does realize that most of the seniors like to shop without having to rush, feel pressure, or accept the fact that comfort, quality and looks are not a possible combination. Visitors to the shop are given a hot cup of tea and they are able to sit and chat with the salesclerks who are themselves retired.

"It is understandable that most of my customers are more comfortable talking to people their own age. They are patient with the customers and they take the time to talk. My employees double as my models in our fashion shows."

Another service that is available at Traditions is known as the registration program.

"Basically, the customer or another member of the family can phone or come in and leave information here. We ask for measurements, taste in color and any other specification. It makes it easier to buy something for those who can't make it in. We have a lot of men who come in and buy for their mothers."

The merchandise is, of course, the main feature. Oborne has created her own label, Senior Clothing Designs Ltd., which does pay special attention to the needs of seniors.

"The clothing must be easy-wear, easy-care and it must look good. That is asking a lot, but our designs do all that."

The styles are classic — jumpers, slacks, suits, blouses, sweaters and skirts but the designs do not look old. The various colors are bright not dawdy. The outfits are stylish comfortable with such modern touches as lace collars, and soft cross-over necklines.

An array of accessories have been designed to complement the package, and pull the eyes away from the problem areas.

**It is perhaps the closures that add an exciting touch to these styles. All the outfits have frontal snaps, zippers, and if the article feature buttons, they are oversized for those seniors who would have trouble with the regular ones.**

Valcro is used as a closure where appropriate. The backs of garments are longer than usual. Armholes are roomy. Waistbands on slacks and skirts are adjustable for changes in stomach size. Sleeves are about elbow length.

Oborne has also arranged for smaller alterations to be done in the store. So if a waistband has to be dropped due to a curved spine, it can be done in no time. Part of the reason for this is the unique sizing system. Those garments ranging from one to six fit standard women's sizes six to 24.

The owner has a direct idea of where she wants her business to go.

"I'd like to get into a line of lingerie. I'm also looking for bras with frontal closures and wide straps. These are the items my customers have difficulties finding."

As well, she says she hopes to expand to take in a partner and open several more stores in strategic locations. Factors which must be considered include how far the subway is from the store, if the property is wheelchair accessible and that the surrounding area is not too busy.

At Traditions, the owner has made allowances for the physical changes that come with age, but her designs have not sacrificed style for comfort. Oborne realizes that a woman's desire to look good is as strong at 75 as it was at 25.

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# Fashion

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"We began selling swimsuits at our Bra Bar store, and before long, the swimwear started taking up so much selling space, it demanded a store of its own," said owner June Taylor.

**With holiday collections arriving daily by such well-known makers as Gottex, Jantzen, and Elizabeth Stewart, the selection is incredible.**

Hottest this season are a variety of prints in vibrant brights.

Serious swimmers will find suits featuring a wide back, shelf bra for support and a wider cut around the bottom for extra coverage in the rear.

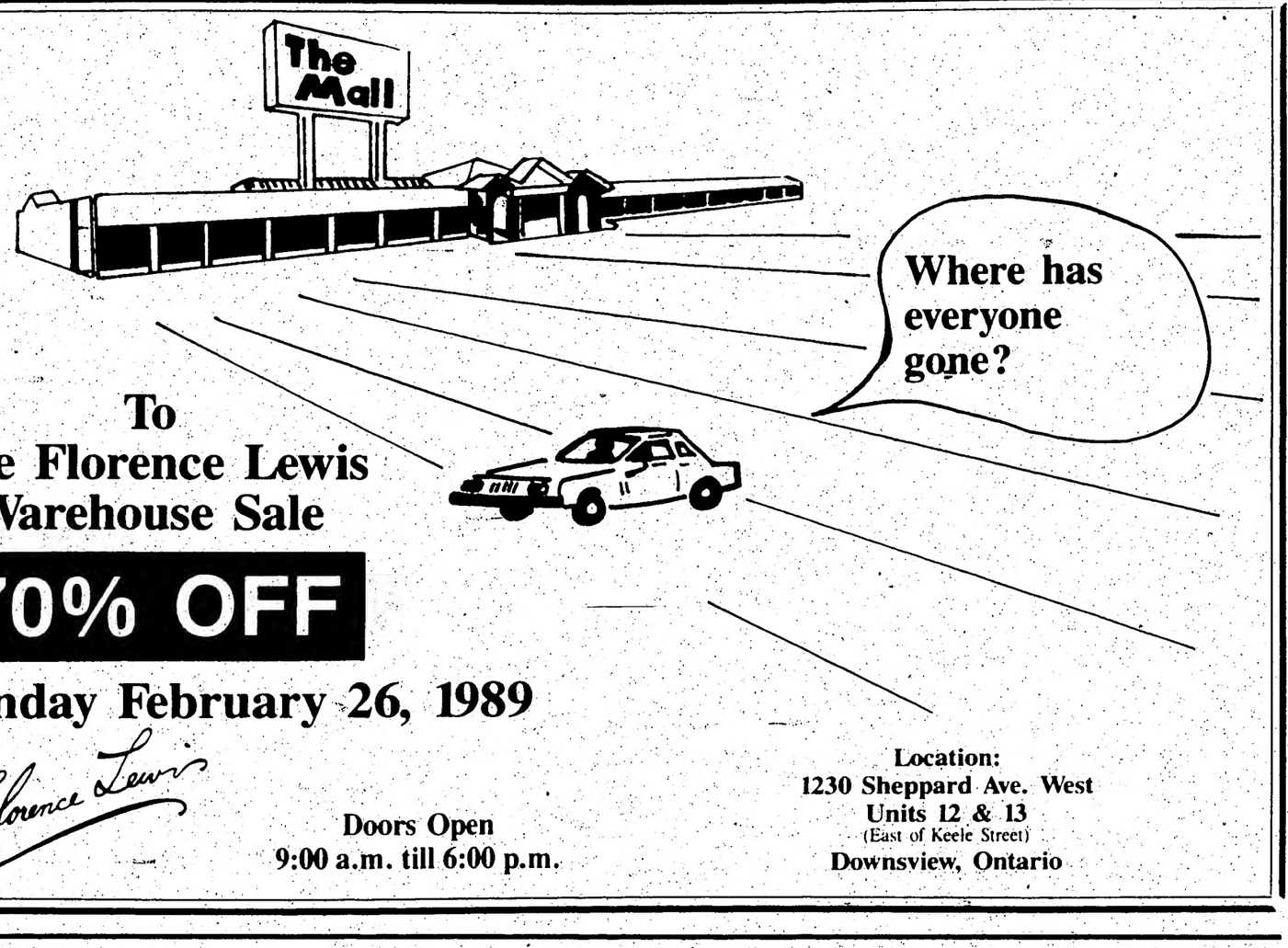
**Pool to party collections coordinate separates. Add palazzo pants, wrap a pareo, throw on a jacket and you have a look that is appropriate for almost any occasion.**

A great holiday traveller is Elizabeth Stewart's collection of machine washable silks. Color coordinated to her swimwear collection, this line feaures jumpsuits, pants, and sleeveless silks that are easy-care.

In addition to swim suits, the store also carries beach accessories like thongs, sandals, goggles, sunglasses, racing and bathing caps, hats, totes and waterproof beach bags. Newsworthy is a packable, roll-up straw hat.

Swimsuit Etcetera stores are located in the Yorkville area and in Bayview Village Shopping Centre.

*This strapless swim suit features high-cut legs.*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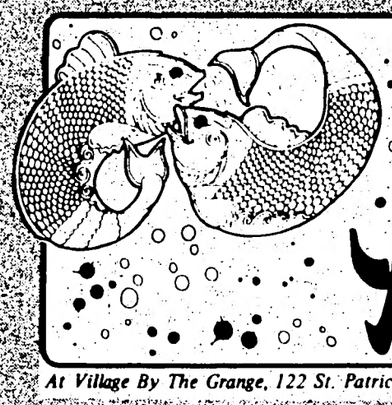

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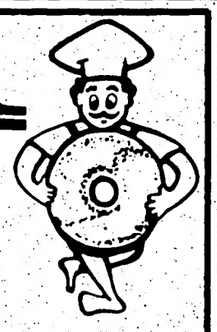

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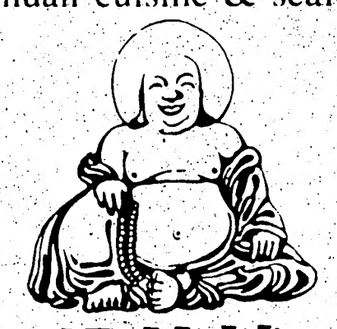

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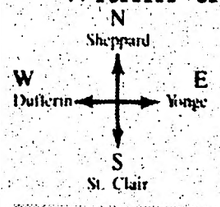


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# Arts

*Tough look at juvenile justice system*

## Malarek film part detective story, part human drama

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Society treats juvenile delinquency with sufficient gravity. But sometimes, the cure is worse than the ailment itself.

That's the theme running through Roger Cardinal's film, *Malarek: A Street Kid Who Made It*, now playing at Famous Players theatres.

Based on Victor Malarek's autobiography, *Hey, Malarek!* Cardinal's picture is part detective story and part human drama.

Malarek, currently a senior reporter with The Globe and Mail, is the product of a broken home in Montreal. Thanks to his father, a drunk and wife beater, he and his brother were reduced to wards of the state.

**Victor Malarek frequented the wrong company and drifted into situations which got him into trouble with the law. Had it not been for an understanding judge and ultimately caring parents, Malarek may well have become a criminal, like several of his friends.**

In 1971, the year *Malarek* is set, he was working as a gofer for a Montreal daily newspaper, delivering mail and coffee for the reporters in the newsroom. Malarek, scrappy and intelligent, aspired to greater things, being tired of being called "cream-and-sugar." A sympathetic editor gave him a break, and Malarek became a crime reporter.

On his first assignment, he witnessed the fatal shooting of a teenager by a policeman. Convinced that the cop had shot him in cold blood, Malarek pursued his instincts, turning up terrible abuses and bureaucratic coverups in the juvenile detention system.

Elias Koteas and Kerrie Keane in Malarek.

**As adapted for the screen by Avrum Jacobson, *Malarek* is hard-hitting and spare, exhibiting neither false sentiment nor unnecessary bravado. Malarek has reason to be thankful that his inspirational story hasn't been compromised by cheap thrills.**

Jacobson keeps his eye on the main themes — the corruption of a system and the maturation of a would-be juvenile delinquent — and doesn't deviate from them one iota.

Malarek is portrayed in convincing fashion by Elias Koteas, a Montreal actor who last appeared in *Full Moon in Blue Water*, a dud if there ever was one. In *Malarek*, Koteas is able to exploit the full range of his abilities as an actor. It's a fine performance.

**Kerrie Keane is cast as Malarek's kind-hearted editor, Claire, who has faith in her reporter. Keane is beautiful and demure and tough and even somewhat romantic. It's quite a combination of qualities, but she personifies them effortlessly.**

Al Waxman plays Stern, a timid, somewhat cowering social worker who finally is coaxed into helping Malarek expose the system that was the ruination of many a teenager. As always, he's fine. Michael Sarazin is suitable as the publisher of the family-owned daily (the mythical Montreal Tribune) which employs Malarek. Daniel Pilon exudes corrosive cynicism as the director of the Montreal Juvenile Detention Centre.

Commendations are also in order for Kahlil Karn, Joseph Cazalet and Vittorio Rossi, who play an escapee from a detention centre, a boozy reporter and a petty thief, respectively.

*Good acting, great makeup make it soar*

## *Fly II a credible sequel to a sequel*

TORONTO —

The second sequel of *The Fly II* flies.

The original, made in 1958, starred the irrepressible Vincent Price, the modern master of horror.

He was cast as a mad but brilliant scientist who played fast and loose with genetic engineering and lived to regret it.

Price, you see, turned into a common house fly, no small tragedy for an actor with a big ego.

Two years ago, Toronto director David Cronenberg came out with his version of *The Fly*. It starred Jeff Goldblum as Seth Brundle, the demented scientist whose experiments went terrible awry.

By any yardstick, Cronenberg's edition of *The Fly* was quite respectable.

**Now Chris Walas takes up the cudgels. In *The Fly II*, Brundle's son, Martin (Eric Stoltz), discovers that his supposed benefactors in a security-conscious laboratory have actually been using him for their own selfish ends. In a rage, he wreaks havoc on his enemies, notably the director of Bartok Industries (Lee Richardson) and his crass hirelings. Having suitably avenged himself, he and his devoted girlfriend (Daphne Zuniga) presumably live happily ever after.**

Currently playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, *The Fly II* has several things going for it — decent acting, a relatively plausible script (within the realm of science fiction horror, of course), fine special effects and great makeup work.

**Taken on its own terms, *The Fly II* spares no effort to shock, titillate and amaze. It is even peppered with tongue-in-cheek humor, which serves to relieve tension. Thankfully, Walas avoids the temptation of resorting to obvious double entendres.**

Stoltz performs credibly as the poor soul who makes the wrenching transition from imprisoned boy genius to angry giant fly to normal red-blooded American male.

It goes without saying that *The Fly II* strains the imagination. But what else is new? It is, after all, supposed to be truer-than-life-itself. Accept it on its own merits and you may be pleasantly surprised.

— S.K.

## Jewish music expert to speak

TORONTO —

No matter where it is performed or how exotic it is, all Jewish music has one thing in common: it borrows liberally from the surrounding culture and environment, says one of the world's leading Jewish musicologists.

**Kay Kaufman Shelemay, an associate professor of music and coordinator of the Urban Ethnomusicology Program at New York University, believes that all Jewish music owes much to the surroundings that produce it and not necessarily to religious roots.**

Shelemay, an acknowledged world authority on Ethiopian and Syrian Jewish music, will be holding a special illustrated lecture in Toronto at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Lipa Green Building. Her topic will be From Popular Music to Sacred Song in the Sephardic Traditions. The evening will be sponsored by the Jewish Music Society of Toronto.

Shelemay, whose doctoral dissertation was on the liturgical music of the Falashas of Ethiopia, is also an expert on Syrian Jewish music. She works closely with the large Syrian Jewish community in New York in carrying out her research.

**Because Syria's Jewish community is so small, numbering no more than 4,500, there is no music coming from it today. But in the past, Shelemay says, Syrian Jewish music was lively and very Arab sounding. In fact, certain Syrian Jewish folk songs, called Pizmonim, were sung with Hebrew words but in Arab melodies.**

From 1973 to 75, Shelemay was a visiting research scholar at the Institute of Ethiopian Studies in Addis Ababa and she studied the Ethiopian Jews' liturgical style. She found that religious services were conducted mainly by older men in a language called Geez.

**Today, she points out, religious services among Ethiopia's remaining Jews are conducted by younger men in Hebrew and in a markedly more Ashkenazi style, thanks to exposure to Israel and the West.**

Aside from studying Ethiopian and Syrian Jewish musical traditions, Shelemay also researches music in American synagogues and she's found many different liturgical styles all over the United States.

Among Italian Jews, she notes, some musical traditions are peculiar to individual cities and towns.

"Wherever they are," Shelemay says, "Jews have extensive borrowings in their music."

Tickets to Shelemay's lecture are $6, available at the door. There is no charge for Jewish Music Society members.

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Two of the grotesquely costumed characters pirouette in Robert Desrosiers' fantastical Incognito at the St. Lawrence Centre.

# *Canada's Dali of dance creates a masterpiece kicker in Incognito*

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

It's time for rejoicing. For Canada's Dali of dance is back again with another brilliant surreal spectacular.

**He is, of course, the Montreal-born, Toronto-based Robert Desrosiers, who at 35 is the most imaginative dancer-choreographer-showman that our country has produced.**

His carnival funhouse of a mind is unequalled for creating fantastical imagery. In 1985, he deservedly won a Chalmers Award for choreographing his masterpiece, *Blue Snake*, which featured a King Kong-like monster that gobbled up ballerinas like gumdrops.

Now the Canadian Stage Company is presenting another Desrosiers master work, which originally premiered last year at the Calgary Winter Olympics Arts Festival. Since extensively revised, with a jazzy new musical score composed and performed by Toronto's Eric Cadesky and John Lang, the extravaganza is called *Incognito*.

I urge you to catch it before it concludes its brief run on Feb. 25 at the St. Lawrence Centre's Bluma Appel Theatre.

**Like all Desrosiers fantasies, it bombards your senses with bizarre yet bewitching sights and sounds that make you lean forward in anticipation, wondering, "What wonderful things will the wizard come up with next?"**

This time Desrosiers portrays a schizophrenic, who leaps up from a dinner table screaming in a demented state. Then, pursued by a nurse and hospital attendant who want to toss the deranged fellow into the loony bin, he leads us into a mad world, where it's difficult to tell the difference between illusion and reality, lunacy and sanity.

**Among the quirky-humored images that most enchanted me were these grotesqueries:**

• A man bearing a miniature house on his back comes lumbering by.

• An enormous pink rat scampers across the stage virtually scaring the droopy bloomers off a housemaid.

• An idyllic picnic scene in which a boy and girl are kissing is rudely interrupted by a huge black spider dangling overhead.

• A giant grasshopper and gargantuan housefly compete in a kind of Humpty Dumpty dance.

**• While encased in a straitjacket at the lunatic asylum, the madman gazes at nurses marching stiffly past him like robots, rolling a mammoth ASA pill as though it were a hoop, and performing a dance with six pairs of stockinged artifical legs sewn into a skirt.**

**• Two demented doctors approach the madman, each wearing a strange headdress — one head shaped like a big surgeon's knife, the other like a stethoscope with a big eyeball fitted inside. A nurse plucks out the eyeball and bounces it as though it were a rubber ball.**

**The nightmarish fantasy ends with a gigantic dagger slicing the backdrop curtain, red silk flowing out like blood, and the liberated madman finally discovering serenity in a makeshift cathedral while eight wraithlike spirits writhe and undulate around him in a ghostly dance.**

**The 2-act spectacle is part Monty Python, part Alice In Wonderland. But mostly it's Robert Desrosiers, the Hieronymus Bosch of ballet, at his best.**

# Daphnis and Chloe brings sultry escape from winter

TORONTO —

**As the second program of its new February season, the National Ballet of Canada presented us last week with a sultry and sensuous escape from blustery winter weather.**

It's the Canadian premiere of *Daphnis and Chloe*, choreographed by the company's artistic associate, 62-year-old Glen Tetley. His frolicsome ballet deals with the sexual awakening of a pair of innocent teenaged romantics in a pastoral setting of eternal sunshine and springtime flowers.

**The mood is gossamer-light and lyrical, as though, to quote English dance critic Clement Crisp, we're "looking at the morning of the world."**

Maurice Ravel's music of shimmering harp strings and breezy flute and violin solos blends beautifully with the background vocalizing of the Toronto Orpheus Choir.

Willa Kim has designed gauzy costumes and a mythical Greek grotto set in pastel pinks and lavender and orange hues to suggest the serenity of Monet's water lily paintings.

And the dancing by the National's stars is Dionysian in its sexiness, as befitting the legendary semi-gods, nymphs, bacchantes, and half-man, half-beast satyrs they portray.

**My favorite of the Greek fairytale characters cavorting in their revelries at the O'Keefe Centre is the Byronically handsome Rex Harrington. In the role of the naive nymph lover, Daphnis, the 26-year-old, 6-foot-tall principal dancer from Peterborough, Ont., has never been more virile.**

And in the role of his equally innocent playmate, the nymphet Chloe, 27-year-old Kimberly Glasco has never been more radiantly sensual. One feels like a voyeur watching them aroused to sexual passion as taught by two experienced seducers.

First we see him succumb to the charms of the temptress Lykanion, played by the 37-year-old Karen Kain as though she was an alluring siren since her cradle days in Hamilton, Ont. In a sinuous, entwining dance, she teaches him how to caress each curve in her seemingly boneless body.

Provoked to jealousy by that spectacle, Chloe flirts with the primitive womanizer Dorkon, played by the 28-year-old, Barbados-born, Quebec-bred John Alleyne with a fierce, panther-like finesse. She is, of course, ultimately rescued from his embrace by Daphnis, who wins her back in a Grecian dance competition.

All ends happily with a bacchanal of ambrosia and rapturous kisses, in which the flute-playing satyr Pan (nicely portrayed by Kevin Pugh) leads the merry-making.

**As I say, this ballet is an idyllic antidote for beating the February blahs.**

**— F.R.**

# *Interest in Judaica increases*

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —

An interest in Jewish art is a fairly new phenomenon, says Jay Weinstein, director of Sotheby's Judaica Department worldwide.

**Weinstein, an author of A Collector's Guide to Judaica, was addressing an audience of over 200 at a lecture sponsored by Beth Tzedec Museum recently. His theme was Current Trends in Collecting Judaica.**

"To the best of my knowledge, there still isn't any one place where one could take a university degree in Jewish art and in Judaica as we know it," said the New York-based Weinstein.

He attributed the new state of interest in Judaica to religious practice and humanistic attitudes.

"Unfortunately, Jewish art has been somewhat a stepchild of Jewish learning," Weinstein said. "One reason is that there has always been a sort of iconographic fear of the depiction of human figures or animal figures that has inhibited the development of art and artists in Jewish life through hundreds of years."

**Another reason why Jewish art has perhaps taken a while to catch on is that it is human nature to take for granted "what is often in our midst," he added.**

"One of the most important things is to learn about the basic medium you are collecting — the more you know about art and antiques in general the better prepared you'll be to deal with Judaica," he said.

Judaica can be overwhelming, said Weinstein, who suggested that people get into the area gradually.

"Try and focus and concentrate on a specific area you like to collect. . . . For example, you could collect spice towers from Poland (or) you could collect silver spice-towers from Warsaw, made by a specific maker, made in the 1890s."

Judith Cardoza Tenenbaum, the newly appointed curator of Beth Tzedec Museum, said Weinstein's book was written specifically to aid the novice and the serious collector "in determining information relating to assigning dates, reading silver marks and of particular interest, detecting fakes."


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## Showbiz Mishmash

# *Beverly Sills bubbles in great "big hoo-ha" book*

By
FRANK RASKY

Beverly Sills

Arthur Gelber

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Sasha Weinstangel

Joyce Gordon

Ginette Laurin

On March 15, the internationally renowned coloratura soprano, **Belle Miriam Silverman**, will officially bow out from her post as general director of the New York City Opera.

"Belle who?" you may well ask.

I mean the 59-year-old Jewish redhead from Brooklyn, with the fabled dimples, the flashing smile, and the zoftig curves usually overflowing a gorgeous low-cut gown, who for four decades has had a greater impact on the public than any opera singer since **Enrico Caruso**.

She is better known to her fans as **Beverly Sills**, who often send her mash notes addressed informally to "Bubbles" or "Beverly."

In collaboration with **Lawrence Linderman**, she has written what she terms her true confessions of "my big hoo-ha career." Titled simply *Beverly*, it's an intimate look at herself and her escapades behind the curtains of the opera world, and it's as chatty, funny and effervescent as her own bubbling personality (Bantam Books of Canada; 369 pages; $5.95).

Among other memorabilia, she recalls being billed as 3-year-old "Cutie Pie Silverman with the **Shirley Temple** curls" who won first prize in a beautiful baby contest by singing *The Wedding Of Jack and Jill*.

Before the age of 7, she had memorized in phonetic Italian 22 arias by **Amelita Galli-Curci** and could parrot **Lily Pons** trilling the high notes of the *Bell Song* from *Lakme*; all contained in the record collection of her opera-loving mother, **Shirley**, an immigrant from Russia.

As a result, the little girl with a lisp and a Brooklyn accent was soon belting out arias regularly on the *Major Bowes Capitol Family Hour*; acting her heart out as "the nightingale of the mountains" in the radio soap opera, *Our Gal Sunday*; and being paid $1,000 for crooning the commercial jingle, *Rinso White, Rinso White, Happy Little Washday Song*.

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Here are highlights from her paperback book I found illuminating or entertaining:

**On the reason for her popularity: "Before I came on the scene, the public regarded opera stars as exotic hothouse plants. I think I changed that. I was a home-grown product the public could identify with. I looked and talked the way they did."**

On performing in **Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's** opera, *The Golden Slippers*, which featured witches with broomsticks flying across the stage on wires: "It seemed corny and contrived, so I began calling it *The Golden Shleppers*."

On meeting **Maria Jeritza** at a dinner party, where the soprano proceeded to use her own gold toothpick and whispered this advice: "In tventy secunts, diss hull table will be talking Jeritza juices gold toothpick to clean teeth. Always remember: Iss important for opera zinger to be kerukter. Never let people tink you afferage."

On performing at London's Covent Gardens, where the Swedish Nightingale, **Birgit Nilsson**, had kindly left her an old-fashioned flannel robe in the freezing star's dressing room, along with a note that warned: "Put your rear on the toilet seat slowly. It might shock the high notes out of you."

On shopping in London with the bawdy-humored soprano, **Eileen Farrell**, for a cashmere sweater: "A bespectacled salesman brought out the largest sweater he had. Eileen took one look at it, unbuttoned her jacket, and said, 'Now, honey, how can a pair like *these* squeeze into *that*? Show me a sweater for a *real* woman — none of this junior-sized crap.' "

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On being served pasta cooked by her co-star, the opera tenor-cumgourmand, **Luciano Pavarotti:** Luciano tested the pasta for doneness by ladling out a handful and then throwing it against the ceiling. If it stuck, it was ready; if not, he let the pasta cook a little more."

**On ballooning up from 150 to 220 pounds after working up to 19 hours a day trying to raise money for the near bankrupt New York City Opera: "I'd become a compulsive eater of six meals a day; any time I got tired or irritated, I'd stuff myself. One night after a board meeting, I had double vision and realized I couldn't remember a single thing discussed.**

**"I phoned my brother, Sidney, the doctor, and said: 'Something terrible is happening to me.' Sidney said: 'You're eating yourself into a fast grave.' After a battery of tests, he put me on a sugar-free diet. Within six months, I'd lost 60 pounds."**

On the secret of how she popularized opera into a mainstream art form: "Early in 1983, director **Lotfi Mansouri** of the Canadian Opera Company called and asked me to come up to Toronto to see his production of **Jules Massenet's** *Cendrillon*. He was presenting the French opera with English surtitles projected on a screen above the stage.

"Those titles took the opera world by storm. Audiences loved them because they could finally understand what was going on. Performers love to work with them. In comic operas, such as *The Barber of Seville*, I'd worked with truly funny people. Yet we never got laughs from any of the wisecracks. How could we? Nobody understood what we were saying. So we usually played it like the **Marx Brothers**, exaggerating everything to get laughs.

"Some opera critics objected to surtitles. I was accused of turning opera into a lowbrow art form that anybody could enjoy. Well, better that than a highbrow art form that nobody could enjoy."

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On agreeing to do eight concert performances of *Abduction From The Seraglio* with the Israel Philharmonic on her first visit to the Holy Land: "I was then receiving about $10,000 a night for a concert. But my mother, who came along with my husband **Peter** and me, said: 'I hope you're donating these concerts. No nice Jewish girl takes money out of Israel.' I was not about to argue with her.

"On our first day in Tel Aviv, I went for a long walk, and we noticed little kiosks next to all the bus stops. The kiosks were covered with posters announcing my concerts. I can't read Hebrew, but my name and appearance dates weren't written in Hebrew — those I *could* read, and they added up to 14 concerts, not eight. I immediately called **Abe Cohen**, the manager of the Israel Philharmonic.

" 'What's with the 14 concerts, Abe?' I asked. 'I only agreed to sing eight. How can you ask me to do 14 in 25 days?'

"Cohen laughed and said, 'Well, Bev, the price is right.' "

On Jewish *freilichkeit* in Israel: "I never stopped laughing in Israel. Aside from my concerts, all I remember is sitting at tables, laughing and eating. I think they feed you in your sleep over there. When you go to a Jew's home, there's an incredible excess of food and nonstop conversation, the decibel level of which sometimes seems deafening.

**"It's all part of a crazy sense of humor that's built into being Jewish. I can't define it, but I can give you an example of what I'm talking about.**

**"I had a friend who took her mother to the unveiling of a tombstone, which is a traditional religious ceremony held a year after a Jew's burial. When the veil was lifted, the people in attendance got their first look at a very large tombstone that had been placed atop the grave. My friend's mother said, 'Look at the size of the thing! Now that's what I call really *living*!' "**

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A tip of my hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

Mazel tov to **Arthur Gelber**, the first recipient of the annual Arts Person of the Year Award, which the Jewish Community Centre is presenting to him March 1 at a black-tie, $125-a-person tribute evening at the Leah Posluns Theatre (636-1880).

The 73-year-old "cultural mover-and-shaker" told me that he prefers that sobriquet rather than being called a patron of the arts. "I never did *patronize* the arts," he jocularly said. "I *worked* at it."

He became a theatre addict as a youth when he began acting in plays staged by Sunday school at the old Goel Tzedek Synagogue on University Ave. and singing in Gilbert and Sullivan operettas at Upper Canada College. He reached the apex of his thespian career when donning skirts to portray Buttercup in *Pinafore*.

"She was plain-looking," he said. "So I fitted the role impeccably." Raised in a traditional Conservative kosher home by his ardent Zionist parents, **Louis** and **Sarah Leah Gelber**, he has since played a variety of roles as a community cultural leader.

They range from his chairmanship of the United Jewish Appeal to his presidency of the St. Lawrence Centre. He performed them all impeccably, of course. His most current activity is serving on the committee that hopes to erect Toronto's new opera-ballet theatre within five years. Besides the soapstone carving by Inuit sculptor **David Rubin** that the Jewish community will be offering him, I suggest we award him the credo: "Art for Arthur's sake."

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Congratulations to **Ruth Biderman**, the gifted Jewish producer of **Sam Shepard's** Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Buried Child*, being staged Feb. 22 to 27 and March 1 to 4 at Harbourfront's Brigantine Room (963-9226).

Versatile **Joyce Gordon** will portray a multiplicity of roles in **Howard Barker's** 10 witty playlets bearing the omnibus title, *The Possibilities*, which the Necessary Angel Company will open March 1 at the Theatre Centre, 191 Lippincott St. (927-7735).

I look forward to seeing Montreal choreographer **Ginette Laurin's** otherworldly dance creation, *Chagall*, based on the works of the Russian-born Jewish painter, running this week until Feb. 25 at Harbourfront's Premiere Dance Theatre (973-4000).

**Sasha Weinstangel**, the Jewish Yugoslav-born conductor of the North York-based National Chamber Orchestra, will present a concert of romantic works headed by **Samuel Barber's** *Adagio* and **Antonin Dvorak's** *Serenade For Strings*, Feb. 26 at the Leah Posluns Theatre (630-6752).

About 100 committee members will gather at the home of **Valerie** and **Jack Fine**, Feb. 23, to plan the $1,000-a-ticket fund raising gala scheduled for Sept. 20 on behalf of Mount Sinai Hospital. Patrons will attend the premiere of *The Phantom of the Opera* at the Pantages Theatre to be followed by a spectacular party at Casa Loma (586-8203).

Among those attending the committee's cocktail reception will be **Garth** and **Pearl Drabinsky, Sara** and **Al Waxman, Tom** and **Shari Creed,** and **Larry** and **Judy Tanenbaum**.

I bow out with this exit line from Canadian composer **Harry Somers**: "I think there are only two kinds of music: popular and unpopular. I always call myself an unpop composer."

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# Oz book tops lists

**JERUSALEM (JTA) —** Amos Oz, the internationally prominent Israeli author, has a new bestseller that his publisher says has broken a record for book sales in Israel.

His latest novel, To Know a Woman, sold 45,000 copies since its initial appearance in book stores three weeks ago.

**According to the publishers, Keter, no other book published in Israel ever sold that many copies in three weeks.**

The reason may be obvious from the subject matter: sex and espionage.

The book tells the story of a former agent of Mossad, Israel's secret service, and the women in his life.

# *Israel film shows tensions*

**TORONTO —**

Shattered Dreams: Picking Up The Pieces, a documentary about tensions in modern Israel, will be shown at the Bloor Cinema and Revue Cinema next week.

The running dates are March 3-6 and March 7-9, respectively.

The Village Voice has called the film "urgent and impassioned," while The New York Post has described it as "chilling."

It's directed by Victor Schonfeld and Jennifer Millstone.


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*Wealth of Jewish knowledge and lore in novel*

# Reich creates world of absurd characters, happenings

**books**

By
**BERNARD BASKIN**

**Master of the Return, by Tovah Reich. Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich. $19.95 U.S.**

This is a strange, comedic novel — a mixture of the real and the surreal — that is at the same time mysteriously moving and spiritually affecting. The author brings to her original story a wealth of traditional Jewish knowledge and lore. She culls material from chassidic sources, Talmud and Midrash to lend curious authenticity to a world of absurd characters and happenings.

At the book's beginning we meet Shmuel Himmelhoch (God has heard — high heaven) a former dissolute hippie who has become a baal teshuva, a returnee to traditional Judaism. He is part of a coterie of penitents, followers of a chassidic group in post-Six Day War Jerusalem, who follow the teachings of Reb Nachman of Bratslav (1772-1810).

Shmuel is obsessed with the notion of visiting Reb Nachman's grave near Kiev in East Europe. His attempt is thwarted by Soviet immigration officials who discover his true identity despite his disguise as a Mexican peasant. "Samuel Himmelhoch, former lighting engineer for decadent musicians, corrupter of youth, hooligan, deviant, misfit, you will be put on a plane immediately, and shipped, collect, back to the non-existent Zionist state where you belong."

Before long the irrepressible Shmuel is found dead near Safed by Abba Nissim (father of miracles) an old friend and cemetery caretaker. Present at the funeral is an assorted group of characters who make up part of the chassidic coterie. They include Shmuel's widow, beautiful but crippled Ivriya; Shyke Pfeffer a reformed Israeli bandit; and Reb Lev Lurie, leader of the group whose presence "gives off a light."

The author finds it easy to poke fun at a group of exhedonists whose new way of life is sometimes an amalgam of the holy and profane. For example, at a Purim party Shmuel's widow smokes a pipe filled with hashish which she shares with her sheitl-wearing, pious women friends. She assures them that on Purim everything is allowed and moreover, that their status as women is higher than it would appear. "The Jewish woman runs the household, earns a living for her husband who sits all day in the kollel to study Torah. Is there any greater privilege? It's a partnership of equals . . . Only a fool would call us low when in fact we are so high. 'Boy, are we high,' says Ivriya."

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The novel is replete with memorable symbolic episodes. These include an arduous climb by the group to the summit of Mount Sinai where Akiva, Ivriya's young son disappears with Abba Nissam; and the reappearance of the duo some months later on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem where the young man is offered up in an abortive ritual sacrifice, akin to the biblical binding of Isaac.

Tovah Reich whose previous novel, *Mara*, was well received, has a sure eye for colorful detail. Her description of a street in the Geula neighborhood of Jerusalem is alive with action. "From early morning to late at night they pushed and jostled in the packed streets — men in long black coats and black fedora hats, women in loose-fitting dresses and covered heads framing scrubbed faces; young matrons in stylish wigs and high heels, decked out in the latest fashion but absolutely within the constraints of modesty; girls with thick braids, heavy stockings, eyes passionately religious; wild, untamed young boys, white-shirted, with long sidelocks and black velvet yarmulkes. They thronged the streets, buying frantically, intensely, as if they were stocking away provisions for the promised apocalypse that was expected at any moment."

At the book's end the bemused reader feels attracted to a chevra of likeable men and women who despite their extremism and strangeness take on a quality that is not far removed from some kind of holiness.

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# *Cats revival deserves bowl of cream*

By
**FRANK RASKY**

**TORONTO —**

Maestro, please serve a second bowl of cream to *Cats*.

**I offered the first plateful of cream to the feline musical when it opened originally at the Elgin Theatre almost four years ago.**

Since then the Marlene Smith-Ernie Rubenstein production has been seen by approximately 2 million people as it prowled twice across Canada and lapped up many megabucks for its investors, after grossing more than $65 million.

Now it has returned to Toronto, where its cast of 36 will be slinking across the stage of Massey Hall (593-4828) until April 29, with a top ticket selling for $47.50.

**And the good news is that Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical pussycat, with lyrics based on wry poems by T. S. Eliot, is as delightful a pet as ever.**

It is, of course, a musical hybrid, part English pantomime, part Gilbert & Sullivan operetta, and part slambang vaudeville. In short, it's a glorious, mixed-breed alley cat, brimming with good fun and high spirits.

Here's a rundown of highlights from the mega extravaganza I found most charming this time around:

• First, there's the spectacular garbage dump of a set, created so imaginatively by designer John Napier. It's little wonder that members of the audience crowded onstage during the intermission to gawk closer at the bizarre junk pile. The artifacts ranged from a tin lizzy automobile to a Coca-Cola sign discarded when a bottle of the pop sold for a nickel.

• There's the sexy team of Adam Fleck as the pelvis-grinding rock-'n'-roll tom cat, Rum Tum Tugger, and the sensuous Marianne McCord as his slinky sidekick, Bombalurina.

• **There's the multi-talented Blaine Parker, a Stratford Festival Shakespearean, who plays a variety of lead roles. I enjoyed his depiction of Gus, the grey-bearded theatre cat, who frets in song the constant complaint of actors that apprentice kittens today "don't get trained as we were in Queen Victoria's reign." Then the reminiscing old windbag does a quick costume change and demonstrates how he once performed as the swashbuckler of the high seas, Growltiger.**

We see him aboard ship duelling with that nasty Siamese Gengis cat (Scott Bolton) and in a duet with Griddlebone (Martine Fugere) in Italian, he sings a hilarious parody of the opera, *Madame Butterfly*.

• There's Ron Proulx, a graduate of Ottawa's Orpheus Operatic Society, who in a takeoff of the jazzy *Frankie And Johnny*, plays the mysterious hip cat Mactavity, "a master of depravity . . . When a crime is discovered, Mactavity's not there."

• Then there's Theresa Pitt, a graduate of Theatre Collingwood's *Guys And Dolls*, portraying the unfortunate Grizabella, a former glamor cat gone to seed now selling sex as a prostitute alley cat.

She belts out a powerful version of the show's most memorable ballad, *Memories*. Then, thanks to the forgiving kindness of Old Deuteronomy, with the sagacious "physiognomy" (Toronto singer Jimmie Earl Perry), the reformed harlot ascends to cat heaven on a flying saucer ready to begin the 3rd of her nine lives.

**There's plenty of life left in this revival of *Cats*, and I'm sure you'll get a kick out of its heavenly whimsy.**

# Klezmer Tarras dies at age 95

**NEW YORK (JTA) —**

Dave Tarras, a clarinetist and a key figure in helping popularize the klezmer movement in America, died of pneumonia recently at age 95.

Tarras, born in the Ukraine of a long line of klezmer musicians, emigrated to the United States in 1921 to escape the persecution of Jews in his homeland.

Klezmorim, as these musicians are known, perpetuate a unique brand of Yiddish folk music that utilizes mostly horns and accordians and that has pervaded European Jewish culture since the Middle Ages.

**Henry Sapoznik, a prominent klezmer musician and leader of the Kapelya Orchestra in New York, praised Tarras for having "created . . . a new form of Jewish music" and having given klezmer "a new venue in America."**

Incorporating elements of American jazz without relinquishing his Yiddish roots, Tarras pioneered the use of the B-flat clarinet among klezmer players, abandoning the traditional E-flat and C clarinets.

He recorded for major labels, including Columbia, Decca and Victor, and accompanied some of the most popular Yiddish entertainers of the 1920s and 30s.

In 1984, following a return to performances in the 1970s, Tarras received a Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts in tribute to his importance to traditional music.

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# Travel

*Starting Toronto-Athens-Cairo flights in fall*

## Air Canada not planning Israel flights

By
PHIL FINE

TORONTO —
Air Canada won't be flying to Israel — at least for the time being.

Even though Air Canada has had landing rights at Ben-Gurion Airport since 1987, the airline has no plans in the near future to use them, says company spokesman Maureen Curow.

**The carrier is starting a Toronto-Athens-Cairo-Toronto service this fall. But Curow says the airline doesn't want to add Tel Aviv because a 3-stop itinerary is undesirable from a "customer's point of view."**

The Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto has been lobbying Air Canada to fly to Israel.

Curow also says the airline, despite Cairo's closeness to Israel, won't be offering package tours including Israel because Air Canada doesn't offer ground tours for countries it doesn't serve.

**She did say this might be done by Touram, Air Canada's wholly-owned tour subsidiary. But a Touram spokesman could not be reached for comment.**

In addition to Athens and Cairo, Air Canada plans to add Nice and Zagreb to its Mediterranean roster this year.

The Canadian carrier has been granted landing rights in Malta, Cyprus, Turkey, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. But it has no immediate plans to serve any of these countries, Curow says.

## *Capa photos on Israel's birth set for New York Jewish Museum*

NEW YORK —
Photographs of the birth of Israel by the legendary photo journalist Robert Capa, some of them never before published or exhibited, will be on display at the Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Ave., March 28 to July 5.

**Capa was born Andre Friedman in an assimilated Jewish family in Budapest, moving to Berlin in 1930 and then to Paris in 1933. He photographed five wars in 18 years; from the Spanish Civil War through World War II to the war in Indochina, until he was killed by a mine explosion in Indochina in 1954 at the age of 41.**

More than 35 works will be on view in From Seder to Stella: The Art of Passover in the Collections of the Jewish Museum Feb. 5 to Oct. 19. Included will be works of the Russian avant-garde artist El Lissitzky and the noted American artist, Frank Stella, inspired by the Chad Gadya, an Aramaic poem chanted at the conclusion of the seder service.

A continuing exhibition to April 2 is Golem! Danger, Deliverance and Art, examining the golem legend in the visual arts. The golem is a mythical creature, fashioned out of clay and brought to life by mystical incantations.

More than 200 objects are on display, ranging from renaissance manuscripts to a large body of contemporary art.

Boaz Vaadia's 1985 sculpture Shemaiah is on view until April 2. The name of the work alludes to the guardian of the Eastern gate in Jerusalem.

A People in Print: Jewish Journalism in America, till Feb. 26, examines the role of the Jewish press and the personalities who shaped it. The exhibit has more than 300 drawings, paintings, periodicals, posters, photographs, comic strips and related artifacts and documents the efforts of individuals, organizations and periodicals to create a voice for Jewish people in America and to serve their communal interests.

A permanent installation at the Museum is the sculpture The Holocaust by the American artist George Segal. It is the only major freestanding Holocaust memorial sculpture on permanent exhibition in a New York City Museum.

The Museum is open Sunday, 11-6, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday noon — 5 p.m., Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m. It is closed on Friday and Saturday. For information, call (212) 860-1860.

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# Travel

# *Visit to Jamaica's Chukka Cove dream come true*

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

**MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica —**

For horse lovers, the adventurous, or those who just want to get away from it all, a visit to Jamaica's Chukka Cove Equestrian Resort can be a dream come true.

**Offerings range from short trail rides and beach rides to jumping and dressage lessons and a 3-day horseback excursion into the mountains that is part of a week-long Horseman's Holiday.**

**Chukka Cove Resort is a paradise for horse lovers.**

Located not far from Ocho Rios, a 1½-hour drive from the airport in Montego Bay, the resort presents a pampering, country-club atmosphere. The six 2-bedroom villas, perched on cliffs overlooking the blue Caribbean waters, are rented in an all-inclusive package and offer a private and romantic alternative to the big resorts.

Those who don't ride can sunbathe, snorkel, watch the sunset or just admire the scenic location where parts of two motion pictures were shot.

Close by is an 18-hole golf course, tennis, deep-sea fishing, the bustling nightlife of Ocho Rios and many other tourist attractions.

**But horses are why most people come to Chukka Cove, and they aren't disappointed.**

On a recent visit, journalists were treated to an abbreviated version of the 3-hour beach ride and all got more than they bargained for.

The fanciful vision of horses running along the surf was in the heads of many as they climbed on the lovely bareback steeds, and prepared to turn dream into reality.

All were surprised when the horses headed directly for the ocean and plunged into the warm Pacific. The horses walked further and further into the waters, at times swimming, at times walking through the soft sand.

**The sensation of the silky water rushing against bare legs as the horses surged through the surf was immensely gratifying, and left fond memories.**

For experienced riders, the Jamaica Riding Holiday can make for a spectacular trip.

The ride begins the day after arrival at Chukka. A 6-hour horseback journey, with a lunch stop at a mountain waterfall takes riders from sea level to a restored 18th-century "great house," 2,000 feet up into the mountains. Tremendous views of the north coast of Jamaica are promised along the way.

The next day features another 6-hour ride along the high plateau, with a picnic lunch and dinner back at the great house. On the third day, the riders return to their villas at Chukka via historic Sturge town, swim with their horses at the beach, and enjoy a barbeque dinner.

**The next day is free, with optional visits to Dunns River Falls, and dinner and show at the Little Pub in Ocho Rios.**

Thurday offers a 2-hour dressage or jumping lesson and a chance to view an afternoon polo game. Friday brings more riding, swimming with the horses and a picnic on the beach before a relaxing evening is spent, enjoying more Jamaican pleasures before winging home on Saturday.

The villas at Chukka Cove are set around a gorgeous swimming pool, and feature large verandas on upper and lower levels, air conditioning, living and dining rooms, a bathroom and powder room, and kitchen.

Staff will prepare your meals personally.

**The cost of the Jamaica Riding Holiday is $1,450 U.S. for the week, per person, double occupancy. Non-riding companions pay $1,100 U.S.**

Travel agents can offer more details.

# Florida Keys offer serene change

**KEY WEST, Fla. —**

Leaving the mainland via U.S. 1 to the Florida Keys is an attraction in itself as the scenery slowly changes and the "smiling islands" evolve, creating breathtaking nautical vistas on either side of the road.

**Key Largo, Tavernier, Plantation Key, Islamorada, Marathon and Big Pine Key are but a few of the points of interest along the scenic "overseas highway" as you make your trek to Key West.**

**Trade in your coat and tie for a pair of shorts and sunglasses, because the ambience of the Keys is your escape from the clouds, clutter and formalities.**

One of the most thrilling natural attractions in the world is located off Key Largo. The John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park reaches 8.5 nautical miles into the Atlantic and extends 21 nautical miles in length. Divers and snorkelers can observe many configurations of living coral, exotic fish, and marine life.

Further south along the highway find "Islamorada," a series of keys stretching 16 miles. Some consider this the sportfishing capital of the world. Pack that fishing tackle . . . the waters surrounding these islands are an angler's paradise with a bountiful supply of blackfin tuna, blue marlin, bonefish, cobia, sailfish, swordfish and tasty grouper.

**You know you've arrived as you take in the relaxed island surrounding of Key West and are enveloped in a feeling of serenity.**

**Stroll the quaint streets of the downtown area, stepping in and out of everything from curio shops, specialty bazaars, curbside cafes, and restaurants to museums, old homes and historical sites, all flavored with a curious ambience of their own.**

Step into the literary aura of the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum. Open for guided tours, this residence remains unchanged from the days Hemingway composed some of his literary classics.

The John Audubon Home and Museum is another example of a preserved retreat of the rich, famous and footloose residents who flavored Key West's past. Room after room of authentic memorabilia provides an education in the town's past.

For the best of Key West and the history behind the town, the Key West Picture Show in Old Downtown Key West is not to be missed. This film features "a cast of hundreds," as longtime residents relate stories of Key West's easy going, relaxed lifestyle.

To see the whole town while enjoying the pleasant weather, rent a bicycle at one of the many bicycle liveries on the island or take the 90-minute tour aboard the Coach Train or Old Town Trolley.

# *Vienna flights suspended*

**TEL AVIV (JPFS) —**

El Al suspended its flights to Vienna last week because the Austrian authorities decided to change security arrangements there.

The planned system, already followed by Austrian Airlines, enables travellers to check in for flights at any of the airport's 40 counters. But while luggage bound for other destinations is carried to the aircraft, the luggage bound for Tel Aviv will be sent to a shed where passengers pick it up and present it to be checked.

El Al spokesman Nahman Klieman said the proposed change "will impose a security threat to our passengers. We also see no reason to change proven and effective security procedures which have been in effect in Vienna for many years."


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# Travel

## *Vive le Houston, city goes francais*

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

The 200th anniversary of the French Revolution will be the theme of the 1989 Houston International Festival, scheduled April 13 to 23. Houston's City Hall Plaza will be transformed into a typical French village, with French customs agents on the borders of the downtown area, costumed actors portraying French villagers, cafe terraces serving typical French foods and drinks, street theatre and music.

The Houston Symphony and leading French musicians will perform.

Also planned for the festival are a French film celebration, a seminar on doing business with France, and educational and tourism promotion events.

This is the 18th Houston International Festival, which last year attracted more than a million visitors. Houston, the fourth largest U.S. city, is famed for its Medical Center, is the home of Johnson Space Center, and has 54 foreign consulates.

On April 30 New York City will mark the 200th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as the first U.S. President with parades, concerts, a flotilla of ships in the harbor, fireworks and the inauguration of a new Museum of American Constitutional Government at Federal Hall, the site where George Washington took his oath of office.

These are but two of many special events and festivals to take place south of the border early this year. Here are some others throughout the country:

From May 15 to June 21 at Taos, New Mexico, you can meet well known Taos artists every Tuesday and Thursday evening during studio tours in this artist colony.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is a highlight in Washington, April 2 to 9, when the Japanese cherry trees come into bloom. There will be a parade with flower floats on April 8, and during the week a marathon run, Japanese lantern lighting ceremony and visits to the city's many monuments surrounded by blossoming cherry trees.

The Southern California Camellia Society will have a flower show at the Descanso Gardens in Los Angeles, Feb. 25 and 26. Having been planted over 40 years ago, many of the specimens are now the size of small trees. A spring flower show in the park is set for April 1 to 9.

At Long Beach, Calif., a Grand Prix car race will take place on April 16. There will be a week of racing, motor car show and parades starting April 8. Film and television stars will race through an 11-turn street circuit.

The Long Beach Yacht Club will host the bi-annual Trans-Pacific Yacht Race from San Pedro on June 30, to Honolulu, a distance of 2,225 miles (3,580 kilometres). Some 70 boats are expected to participate, coming from many countries.

If you want to see the kind of glassware and china used in the White House at Washington, there will be an exhibition at the Corning Glass Center, Corning, NY, from April 30 to Oct. 15. The presidential White House is prohibited by law from loaning out its collections except under special circumstances. More than 100 pieces of American glass, as well as English, French and American china will be on display for the first time outside Washington during the exhibition covering two centuries of presidential tableware.

Car buffs can see the Rolls Royce car show on April 29 at Cypress Gardens, Fla. Some 40 vintage Rolls Royce automobiles will be on display.

The Kentucky Derby at Louisville, Ky., will be run on Saturday, May 6, the outstanding horse race on the continent. The Preakness at Baltimore, is planned for May 20 this year, one of the leading horse races of the year.

At Port Canaveral, Fla., you can enjoy the Seafood Festival the last weekend of March. Also in Florida, on the Gulf Coast, the annual Festival of States at St. Petersburg is the last week of March and the first two weeks of April with parades, bands, concerts and food specialties from all over the United States.

The Dogwood Festival is at Atlanta, the second week of April with a spring flower show, children's fun events, parades, home and garden tours in the city.

These are just a few of the happenings in the U.S. this spring. There are dozens more in every state . . . even in Alaska and Hawaii.

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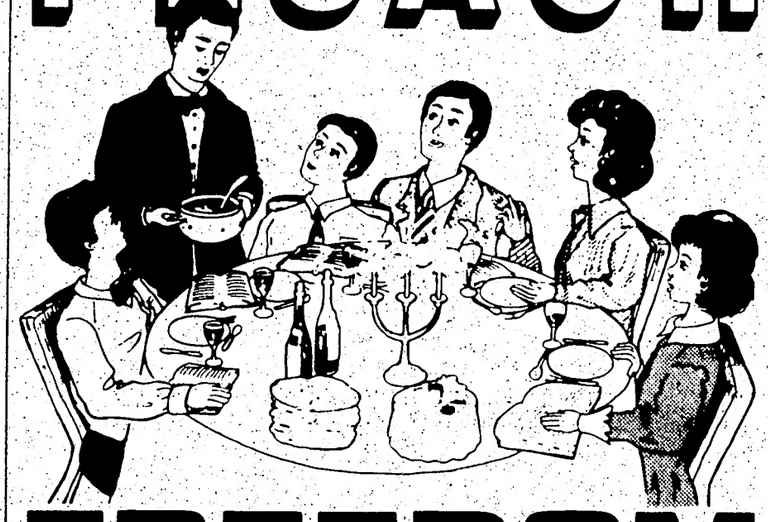

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# Business Outlook

## *Economy behaving in "late cycle fashion"*

# Recession predicted as disposable income drops

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

**Canada is facing a recessionary period as it enters the 1990s, says Susan Clark, vice-president and chief economist of Richardson Greenshields.**

**"The stage is set economically. I don't think there will be an actual recession, but we will experience a growth recession — there is not much difference between the two."**

Clark explained that the economic indicators were too plain to be overlooked. The current expansion is the longest on record during peacetime in the past 150 years, amd the market finds consumers overborrowed and undersaved.

Other indicators include the lack of exports, the enormous deficit, and an amount of capital spending that cannot go on forever, she said.

"The economy is behaving in a typically late cycle fashion," said Clark.

A late cycle profile is characterized by several things. To begin with, the consumer dollar is stretched so overall spending patterns are erratic. The disposable income (the amount of consumer buying power) has not been growing as quickly as it had been. Discretionary, or voluntary savings have dropped due to the fact that Canadians spent their savings during the previous expansionary period.

Consumer indebtness is on the rise and borrowing is down. The consumer's perception of wealth is the home and as long as the value of the property is rising, the consumer feels secure enough to spend, the economist said. However, as rollovers occur and financial cutbacks are made, spending drops. This process is also seen in the corporate sector, she added.

**The subsequent hesitation before expanding means there is less demand in credit and lower interest rates. Other economic indicators include low inflation, a decrease in retail sales and lower industrial production.**

Clark said that the investment strategies for 89 should be concentrated in the stock market. While the economic assumption is that there will be a slowdown it is expected that the equity market will pick up again in the spring and early summer.

**Investors should concentrate on fixed incomes such as long term bonds, and the equity market, she advised. Included are banks and utilities, oil and gas, Bombardier, Connaught, BioSciences and Domtex stocks to name a few.**

Clark assured her audience who attended the recent Financial Forum at the Metro Convention Centre that the economic outlook would improve by the early summer months.

"There is a lot of money behind the dollar so if there is any kind of weakness, there is a lot of support to back it," she said.

# *Bank Leumi names a director*

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Moshe Schnitzer, longtime president of the Israel Diamond Exchange, was recently named to the new board of directors of Bank Leumi le-Israel.

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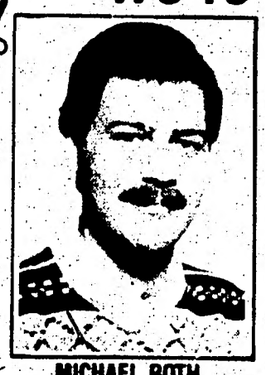

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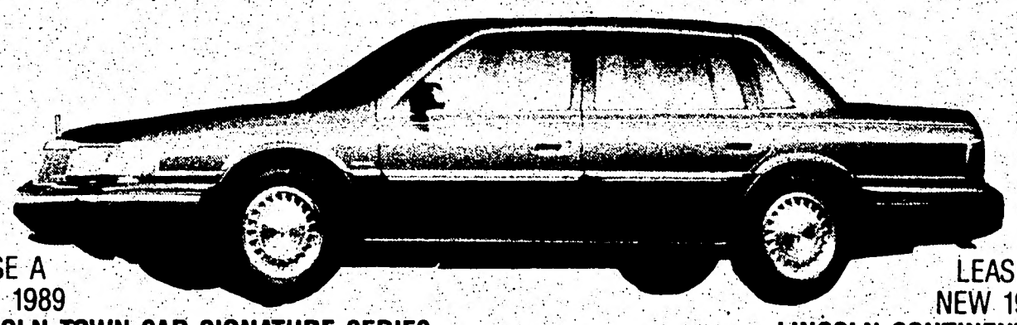

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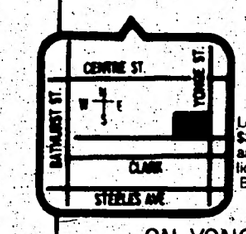


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# Business Outlook

## Tax guide almost unfathomable

# *Revenue Canada strikes out*

Tax News

By
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**The long awaited 1988 General Tax Guide was recently released to newsstands across Canada to mixed reviews. The Guide represents one of Revenue Canada's most ambitious efforts to date in supplying Canadian taxpayers with pertinent information for the preparation of their annual personal tax return.**

**Unfortunately, one has to wonder whether the average taxpayer will be able to fathom his way through the entire 44-page document (not counting schedules and appendices) and maintain his sanity to complete his 1988 tax return. Not only that, the guide refers to a variety of supplementary booklets on topics such as rental income and capital gains. When combined with the general guide, the government has thrown together more than 200 pages of information designed to ensure taxpayers won't be able to complete their returns by the April 30th deadline.**

**The best part about the guide is the front cover. Resplendent in a multitude of colors, the front cover belies the somber material in the attached pages. As they say, you can't judge a book by its cover.**

**One cannot question the good intentions of Revenue Canada in issuing this booklet. It attempts to simplify a task whose complexity has grown exponentially over the past several years. Perhaps this task is better suited for an individual with a PhD in math, languages and economics.**

**Never is this more true than for 1988. As most taxpayers are aware, 1988 represents the first year of the operation of tax reform, originally introduced in June 1987. As with anything new, there will be an adjustment period before taxpayers feel comfortable with the new system. One only has to look at what our neighbors south of the border experienced in 1987 to realize that 1988 may be a painful transition year.**

The guide attempts to simplify this task by dividing the return into a five-step process. Most people may find that they have two left feet when attempting this five-step dance.

The first two steps, identification and calculation of total income is similar, if not the same, as that determined on previous years' tax returns. One familiar deduction, the $500 employment expense deduction is gone, but otherwise the front page of the return looks the same, except for color. Apparently, in order to soften the impact of the new system, Revenue Canada has adapted a nice shade of blue which was tough on the reader's eyes. Our American readers might be envious of our alternating color scheme, as compared to their staid off-white returns. And who says Canadians aren't colorful.

It is in steps three and five where the major changes in the system arise. Step three involves the calculation of taxable income, the base on which tax is computed. What previously took up a whole page, now has been reduced to one-half of a page. This step, combined with step four, the calculation of non-refundable tax credits (NRTC's), represents the crux of the tax reform proposals for individuals.

This new design reflects the conversion of various deductions and personal exemptions into credits. This change is premised on the philosophy of "lower rates — fairer system" as enscribed on the diagram adorning the front page of the booklet. Taxpayers will have to decide for themselves whether the government has acheved its goal.

**The NRTC's listed in step four were all previously deductions/exemptions. When they were deductions, higher-income individuals obtained a larger benefit from claiming these items. In response to this, the government invented the NRTC. These credits are available to all taxpayers at essentially the same amount, irrespective of income level.**

These credits are calculated at 17% of the amount expended or the stated eligible amount (for example, in the case of personal tax credits, the maximum claim before applying 17% is stipulated). This rate equates to the lowest federal marginal tax rate. Thus, all taxpayers other than those in the lowest tax bracket, will derive less benefit from these items than in prior years.

Speaking of tax brackets, step five (the final frontier) details the summary of tax and credits. It represents Revenue Canada's version of the Day of Atonement, on which you must reconcile your taxes with the government.

For 1988, there are only three tax brackets: 17% tax on taxable income up to $27,500; 26% on taxable income between $27,501 and $55,000; and 29% on taxable income over $55,000. These rates are federal only. Provincial tax must be added to arrive at an individual's effective tax rate. Both the federal and provincial governments may also apply surtaxes at different levels of income.

After step five your return is complete. That is, if you make it this far!

**The government seems to think that preparing your tax return is as easy as one, two, three, four, five. Anyone who was able to find his way through the entire tax guide, including the supplementary booklets (where applicable) knows that this is simply not the case.**

Revenue Canada even has the audacity to scatter various "Tax Tips" throughout the guide. Even with these tips, taxpayers are going to find it increasingly difficult to prepare their own tax returns. While many of these tips may be helpful, it should not be surprising that they do not give away any Revenue Canada trade secrets.

Individuals who use this guide to prepare their own tax returns may find this a huge undertaking. Taxpayers who lack the patience to read through this epic novel, may instead prefer to wait for the release of the movie version.

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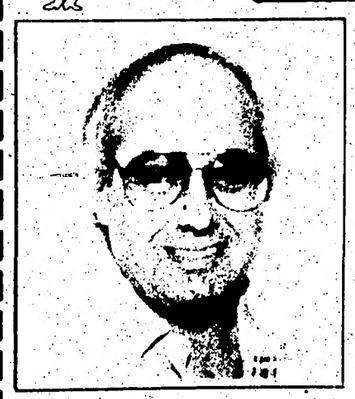
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$459,000. Luxurious 4 bdrm. centre hall 2,900 sq. ft. home. Fin. bsmt. with w/o 2 firepls., hdwd flrs., sep. L/R. & dr., deck. Large lot. Barbara Vanicek 737-1100.

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**THORNHILL JUST LISTED, 100x150 LOT**
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**THORNHILL CUSTOM DESIGN 3,800 SQ. FT.**
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2-bdrm. condo, S/E exp., locker, balcony, white kit., verticals, immed. poss. Won't last! Sharon Rosenzweig, sales rep., 886-1200.

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Grand marble foyer, solarium kitch., 4 bdrms., landscaped, interlocking drive, $639,000. Fran Kieselstein/Alisa Abrahams, 731-7111.

**BATHURST-B'NAI TORAH — JUST LISTED!**
Fabulous, lg. 4 bdrm. backsplit, new customm kitch., hardwd. flrs., fam. rm., inground pool, extras! $449,000. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

**BATHURST-SHEPPARD — CHOICE BUY!**
Lovely 3 bdrm. bung., self-contained bsmnt. apt., huge 50' lot. Reduced! $318,900. Marilyn Ray, 731-7111.

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Just listed! Lg. 4 bdrms., grey & white decor, ceramics & parquet flrs., appls., a must-see! Mike James, 731-7111.

**SPRING FARM DELIGHT — JUST LISTED!**
Popular "Concord" model. Fin. rec rm., lg. fam. rm., open brick firepl., white kitch., 4 pc. ensuite, $324,900. Steve/Ellen Fisher, 731-7111.

**BATHURST-WILSON — CUSTOM-BUILT**
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*Church and state separation*

# Jewish groups battle in symbol dispute

NEW YORK (JTA) —
American Jewish organizations are getting involved on both sides of the first case to come before the U.S. Supreme Court that examines the display of a Jewish religious symbol on public property.

The high court will probably hear oral arguments in the case during the spring session, according to Samuel Rabinove, legal director of the American Jewish Committee.

Arguments in the case almost certainly will be heard before the court recesses for the summer, he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

**The plaintiffs in the original case, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, are asking the Supreme Court to affirm a U.S. Court of Appeals decision barring public displays of a Christmas nativity scene and a Chanukah menorah on government property in Pittsburgh during the holiday season.**

Friend-of-the-court briefs in support of the plaintiffs have been filed jointly by the American Jewish Committee and the National Council of Churches, as well as by the American Jewish Congress on behalf of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council and itself.

The Supreme Court in recent years has dealt with complaints against the display of a nativity scene or creche on public property, but never a menorah or other Jewish religious symbol.

The menorah in question belongs to the Chabad-Lubavitch organization, a chassidic movement. The creche is the property of the Holy Name Society, a Roman Catholic organization.

*Seek to overturn earlier ruling*

Both are seeking to overturn the lower court ruling.

Nathan Lewin, a Washington attorney, is representing Chabad. Lewin is a vice-president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs, widely known as COLPA.

COPLA informed JTA it, too, has filed a friend-of-the-court brief on behalf of several national Orthodox Jewish organizations in support of the Chabad position.

The ADL, co-counsel with the ACLU in the case of ACLU v. County of Allegheny (Pa.), represents Malik Tunador, a Moslem.

**He testified that as an Allegheny County taxpayer, he felt excluded by the erection of a menorah on the steps of the Pittsburgh City-County Building and the annual placement of a creche in the Allegheny County Courthouse.**

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia ruled last March 15 that the establishment clause of the U.S. constitution's First Amendment prohibits the display of religious symbols in or near buildings that house government offices.

The Supreme Court agreed several months ago to hear the case.

Donald Mintz, chairman of ADL's civil rights committee, pointed out that "religious symbols at these locations communicate the message that the represented faiths are endorsed or approved by the state."

**He said the message violates the establishment clause "because it diminishes the political status of those who do not adhere to the represented religion."**

Rabinove said the "constitutional principle of separation of religion and government means the government should not become involved with religions unless there is a religious need that cannot otherwise be met," such as chaplains for the armed forces.

"There is no religious need to place sacred symbols of any faith in government buildings," he stressed.

# *Israeli minesweeping plows ordered by U.S.*

TEL AVIV (JTA) —
The U.S. Army and Marine Corps have ordered 400 minesweeping plows designed and manufactured in Israel, and are expected to order 1,000 more in the near future.

**The $30 million-plus contract went to Ramta Structures and Systems, a unit of Israel Aircraft Industries, which has been supplying the plow to the Israel Defence Force for years.**

Ramta said it would fill the first order within 18 months and would increase production to one plow a day.

Known as the TWMP (Tread Width Mine Plow), the device is mounted on the front of tanks. It was designed after the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

**The Israelis got the idea from mine plows on captured Soviet-made tanks, which they found to be primitive and inefficient.**

According to Ramta's general manager, Uri Ladan, the TWMP will be used by the Americans on their main battle tank, the M-1 Abrams, and on the older N-60 Pattons. The decision to order them followed years of testing, he said.

The TWMP can be adapted for use on the British Centurion and West German Leopard tanks. It has already been sold to Western European countries.

The plow consists of two sets of metal teeth that can be lowered into the ground to dig up and push aside land mines.

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Ramta also manufacturers the Dvora and Super Dvora patrol boats for the Israeli navy, as well as aircraft parts.

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**Israel Aircraft Industries and the Lockeed Aircraft Corp. in the United States have joined forces to produce the Arrow, an Israeli-designed anti-missile missile.**

**The Israeli company received a $158 million grant from the United States last year to develop the weapon.**

**IAI and Lockheed signed a contract for its joint production.**

# Israel, U.S. sign pact on embassy facilities

JERUSALEM (JPFS) —
Israel and the U.S. have signed an agreement on the construction of two new buildings for the American diplomatic representation in Israel.

Officials in Jerusalem indicated one of the facilities would be set up in the area of the former Allenby Camp in Jerusalem and the other at an unspecified site in the Greater Tel Aviv area.

The agreement, which concluded months of negotiations, was signed at the Prime Minister's Office by Ambassador William Brown and the acting director of the Israel Lands Administration, Moshe Gat.

The buildings are expected to be almost identical, following a Congressional decision last year that, if the embassy is moved from its current location, two buildings would be constructed — one of them within a 5-mile radius from the centre of Jerusalem. The outgoing administration expressed a preference that the new Jerusalem building host the American consulate in the city.

In Israel, however, there was opposition to this plan with some officials, including cabinet secretary Elyakim Rubinstein, who negotiated the deal, suggesting pressure be brought to bear on the administration to move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

**According to well-informed sources, it was decided that the embassy would continue to be in Tel Aviv and the consulate would not be moved from its present location.**

The new Jerusalem building will therefore host some consular departments, as well as serving as the American ambassador's Jerusalem residence.

The American negotiators requested that the new site for the embassy be in Ramat Hasharon, just north of Tel Aviv and close to the American diplomats' homes in Herzliya, but apparently no such site was available and efforts are now being made to find an alternative location.

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# Law students group focuses on Jewish issues

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The Canadian Jewish Law Students Association held its inaugural national conference in Toronto recently at which legal issues of interest to Jews were debated and the nationwide network of Jewish students was strengthened.

Prominent legal figures discussed hate literature, Jews in oppressed lands, ethics and the law, the Morgantaler case and other topics. Among those joining panels or addressing the conference were McGill Prof. Irwin Cotler, Alan Borovoy, general counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, defence lawyer Edward Greenspan, Justice Henry Steinberg of the Quebec Superior Court and Justus Weiner of the Israeli justice ministry.

The 2-day convention, organized by conference chairperson Jessica Growe, attracted 125 Jewish law students.

That figure represents a substantial proportion of the total national membership, said Association president Matthew Moyal.

Moyal, a 24-year-old student at Toronto's Osgoode Hall law school, said the 2-year-old organization already boasts 200 students in law schools across Canada.

**Developing out of two Jewish students' associations at McGill and Osgoode, the Association now has branches at the University of Toronto, University of Western Ontario, Queen's University, University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, University of Windsor and the University of Ottawa. There are also two students at the University of Montreal who are associated with the organization.**

## *Education, awareness*

Its goal is "to promote Jewish awareness among Jewish students" and to keep them informed about issues that affect them as Jews, Moyal said.

In addition to holding seminars and conferences, the group sees itself as a repository of legal skills that can benefit the community.

Association students can help "promote" certain causes, such as the plight of Syrian, Soviet and Ethiopian Jews, especially in Western Canada, Moyal said.

The law students have also interested themselves in other current issues and issued statements in reaction to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark's

Matthew Moyal

March 1988 remarks criticizing Israeli actions in the territories.

**Association students also assisted the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada in research on the Ernst Zundel "false news" case, Moyal said.**

But the Law Students group is primarily devoted to promoting education and awareness among Jewish students: "We all have concern and are committed to fighting for the Jewish cause," said Moyal.

## *Cultural programs*

In the past, the group has invited Winnipeg lawyer David Matas to Queen's University to discuss war criminals in Canada and it has submitted to members of parliament a brief on the legality of Israeli actions in the territories.

Law students who are members of the association are also involved in social, cultural and political programs. Some commemorate Jewish holidays on campus, celebrate oneg Shabbat and generally participate in Jewish community life, Moyal said.

Creation of the group was inspired about five years ago by a U.S. Jewish law students' conference. Several community organizations were approached for assistance, but it was B'nai B'rith Canada which lent its immediate support.

It now provides office space, administrative assistance and a central address for the group.

Though partially subsidized by B'nai B'rith, Osgoode Hall's Jewish students recently sponsored a "law bash" at Toronto's Copa Club, which attracted more than 1,000 people at prices ranging from $6 to $8, to raise funds.

Most of the budgetary needs are met from those funds, Moyal said.

Joining Moyal on the Association's executive are: Eli Razin (Osgoode), president elect; Randi Zlotnick (Osgoode) and Ned Steinman (McGill), vice presidents; Lynn Kirshin (Osgoode), chairperson of communications; Ari Levy (McGill), chairman of education; Brian Blumenthal (Victoria), chairperson of political action.

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## Tourism slump sparks action

# *Safe, beautiful Israel beckons Jews to visit land*

By
DAVID LAZARUS

**JERUSALEM —**

When you ask Israeli tourism officials THE question, eyes search the heavens and shoulders shrug in a typical Israeli gesture of perplexity.

That is because the question — Why has Jewish tourism dropped off dramatically in 1988? — continues to stump the industry here.

The most obvious, catch-all theory is that Jews, apparently en masse, are reacting viscerally to the stark and dramatic television pictures and general media coverage of the year-old Palestinian uprising.

**On the other hand, Jewish and non-Jewish tourists returning from Israel invariably report that the country is as beautiful, and safe and secure, as it ever was.**

How many tourists go window shopping in Nablus, anyway?

Still, numbers are numbers. Overall, tourism — especially Jewish tourism — was way down in 1988. Arrivals, as of the end of November, declined 15% compared to 1987, a banner year for the industry when 1.5 million tourists arrived.

And the irony is that 1988, Israel's 40th anniversary year, was expected to attract a record number of Jews to the Jewish state. A 15% rise, not fall, was the estimate.

The slump is what sparked an unprecedented move to send a "solidarity" mission of Canadian Jews to Israel pledged to recruit at least 15 visitors each on return. El Al chipped in with the tickets for the mission, organized by Operation Independence, B'nai B'rith Canada, the Israel Government Tourist Office and Israel's ministry of tourism.

**The cost of the trip was only $300 to participants, who returned with a sense of optimism that they could play a part in turning things around, at least in Canada, which has not seen quite the same degree of drop-off (10%) as the United States.**

Still, when you meandered through hotel lobbies in Jerusalem as winter began — traditionally the slow part of the tourist season, anyway — the echoes that reverberated spoke volumes.

Rehavia Ben-Shach, El Al Israel Airlines director general in Montreal, says the Jewish community has to "pull up its socks" and translate its traditional support for Israel into plane tickets.

He said the situation "is not catastrophic," and that non-Jewish traffic is actually on the increase, but this is not off-setting the Jewish decline.

**At a seminar for Operation Solidarity participants during their final day in Israel, Yehuda Shen, the Israel Government Tourist Office's (IGTO) director in Toronto, pointed out that "every tourist dollar" spent in Israel represents in real terms "double or triple" the value of a comparable United Jewish Appeal-contributed dollar since no piece of that dollar remains in Canada.**

**Mission participants seen at Mount of Olives are (clockwise from bottom left) Edna Braithwaite, Bea Ellison, Rita Geiger, Allan Marks, Shoula Gabbay, Rita Fiszer and Bryna Hersh. (Mallary Sackman photo)**

**The Dome of the Rock is visible in this view of Jerusalem. (Gloria Clamen photo)**

This should be one of the messages delivered to potential visitors recruited by the group, Shen advised.

Hopes are pinned on those returning saying simply, "Look, I was there" and testifying how concerns about visiting Israel are unfounded, he added.

Avraham Drori, Shen's predecessor at the IGTO, said the group's message to Canada's Jews should be that "never in the history of the State of Israel has the need for tourists been so acute."

Drori stressed that Jews should not be encouraged to come as some sort of duty.

**"What I am saying is that Israel today is safe and beautiful as a tourist attraction. I'm asking the Jewish people to come to Israel instead of going to Miami because there is so much to do and see. To enjoy yourself, get your dollar value and know at the same time you're spending it for a good cause."**

In Israel, representatives of the tourism ministry and hotel industry have had their work cut out for them.

Aviva Wanderer, the ministry's public relations liaison, said in an interview with The CJN that her job has not been made any easier by what is euphemistically known as the "situation."

Wanderer's job is to open doors for visiting travel writers and journalists.

When the intifada is spread over the front section, it's tough to get "come visit Israel" articles on the inside pages and weekend travel sections.

Wanderer noted that "travel writers have come to me and told me that they almost didn't come, and then they say how incredibly surprised they are once they arrive. One said he felt safer here than where he came from."

**One recent coup for the ministry was arranging a tour for an association of British travel agents numbering about 1,600. The positive feedback was a strong upsurge in British tourists.**

Europeans in general continue to visit Israel — especially Eilat, the country's southern-most tip — in encouraging numbers.

A recent New York Times feature ventured that part of the reason for Eilat's popularity is its proximity to Europe and the reasonable package rates available to Europeans.

But the article also surmised that Eilat was being sold in a sense as a city distinct and separate from the State of Israel, with even its own airport for convenience.

The implication was that to attract European tourists to a warm and sunny winter spot, you don't have to mention that Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and yes, Nablus, share the same general geographical territory.

In Israel's hotels, efforts are being made to bring in more visitors through package deals and other promotional initiatives.

**Ezra Astruc, public relations manager of Jerusalem's Hyatt Regency, is promoting the premises as Israel's "newest and most modern" hotel.**

General manager Norman Rafelson conducted a recent North American tour to bring the hotel more business, and Astruc said 25% more was being spent on advertising.

The lull in Jewish tourism has also prompted hotels to cater more to the Israel market, Astruc said.

David Guy, and official with the Haifa Tourism Development Association, agreed that Israelis, more and more, are a market being tapped as Jews were staying home in North America.

A question that still confounds tourism officials is why no more than 20% of Jews from North America has ever been persuaded to visit Israel — potentially a rich, untapped source of revenue for Israel.

At the seminar for Operation Solidarity participants, a few argued that the cost of spending a week or two in Israel was prohibitive for many.

**However, El Al marketing officials Reuven Marash retorted that "no one subsidizes El Al. We have to be in the black at the end of the year," and fares are as reasonable as possible.**

It was pointed out that a wide range of prices and packages are available. As Marash described it, "nobody pays the (officially posted) room rates."

Drori noted that the group recruiting visitors to Israel should investigate all possibilities, "to see what is available and best for you."

One of the most dramatic descriptions of Israel's current tourism travails came from Arthur Goldberg, a former Canadian credited by many with founding — with another Canadian — Israel's tourism industry by launching the Jewish state's first bus-touring company shortly after the War of Independence.

Goldberg was also at a loss to explain the drop-off in Jewish visitors from North America. But he did

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**Minister of Tourism**

### New Canadian tourism director

# *Shen sets in motion vigorous plan*

By
PHIL FINE

**TORONTO —**

Yehuda Shen is nothing if not enthusiastic.

The 41-year-old director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada bites off his words, thumps his desk and right-angles his ruler against his wall as he speaks excitedly of his plans for the next three years.

**It's well that he's optimistic. He's set himself the goal of getting 65,000 Canadians — 29,000 more than last year — to visit Israel in 1992.**

That may not be easy given the shellacking the country has taken over the intifada. Indeed, 4,000 fewer Canadians visited Israel last year than in 1987.

However, Shen, a 19-year veteran with the Israel Ministry of Tourism, has a well thought-out battle plan.

He's already coordinating a March Unity Mission to Israel for Jews in Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. The 8-day trip, which is co-sponsored by El Al and the Canadian Zionist Federation, will cost $1,400.

**Shen is hoping the mission will duplicate the success of a similar CZF effort last month which brought more than 760 people from Montreal and Toronto.**

He also says Israeli tourism will get a boost from the 59 "ambassadors" who took part in last December's Operation Solidarity and who have each pledged to bring 15 tourists to Israel.

Shen, of course, hasn't forgotten Israel's importance to Christians. Indeed, he's already helped arrange for 500 delegates from the Western Ontario Region of the Pentecostal Assembly of Canada to hold their annual convention in Jerusalem in November. This May, he and Nahum Kara, El Al's sales manager for Ontario and Western Canada, will hold a series of breakfast meetings on Israel tours with church leaders in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta. Shen says he hopes to do the same with churchmen in British Columbia.

Professional symposia are another source of tourist revenue. Shen has already suggested to Ontario dentists that they hold their medical seminars in Israel. He's also arranged for the editor of Physician's Management Manuals of

Yehuda Shen

Toronto to write an article on sabbaticals and work sessions in Israel.

Company incentive tours of Israel for outstanding employees is yet another market Shen hopes to tap.

**Shen hasn't overlooked the lure of a good travel report. Thanks to his efforts, a Global TV crew filmed A Journey to Bethlehem last year which was shown on both Christmas Eve and Christmas. VCRs of the broadcast will be made available to church officials across Canada.**

Shen has arranged for Toronto Sun travel editor Jill Rigby to visit Israel this month and would like to make similar arrangements for travel editors from radio and television stations across the country.

In addition to those who write about travel, Shen is zeroing in on the people who sell it. This month and next, he'll be making presentations on marketing Israel tours at gatherings of travel wholesalers from Victoria to Toronto. Representatives from El Al and from various hotel chains are scheduled to attend.

Shen is also lobbying Air Canada to utilize its landing rights in Israel. Indeed, he says he hopes a good start to the airline's service to Cairo this fall will convince it to fly to Ben-Gurion Airport.

**Air Canada service to Israel, he says, would lead to an across-the-board boost in travel promotion as competing airlines would feel bound to match Air Canada's publicity campaign.**

Despite the time spent on the Christian market, Shen considers Jewish tourism important as only 17% of North American Jewry has ever visited Israel.

He says many Jews think charitable contributions are worthy substitute for an actual visit. That couldn't be further from the truth.

"It's important and I appreciate it. But a tourism dollar is a thousand times more important than any dollar offered by a fund raiser."

# Youth tour now is set

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

**TORONTO —**

A program referred to as the Israel Summer Seminar (ISS), is a tour that allows between 35 to 40 young adults to visit their homeland.

"It is a great way to learn about your heritage, traditions and customs first hand," Victor Alloul, an ISS youth advisor said.

"The trip involves some very intense touring." Rabbi Nosson Westreich, who is leading the excursion, added. "Not a stone will be left unturned."

**So far, the response has been encouraging considering the campaign advertising the trip has only just begun. Although the trips have occurred prior to the Summer 89 trek, this is the first year that Canadians will go as a separate group on the 5½ week indepth excursion in Israel from July 10 to Aug. 15, 1989.**

Westreich, regional director of National Council of Synagogue Youth—(NCSY), (the organization that leads ISS) gave two reasons as to why the trip is doubly important this year.

To begin with, he cited the pragmatic reason for travelling directly out of Canada.

"It's convenient. The flights go from Toronto to Montreal straight to Tel Aviv. Then there is the financial edge. Going as a Canadian group everything is rated in Canadian dollars."

Traditionally, the tour has been run from New York so the cost was estimated in U.S. dollars which made the trip considerably more expensive. This year, NCSY is able to give those youths who are interested the most competitive price available. The cost is further underwritten by sponsors within the Jewish community.

Although the Canadian tour is being run separately this year, the group will be interacting and networking with its American counterpart. It is customary for two groups to pair off at one time.

More importantly was the second reason.

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# Hotel industry cuts its rates to attract visitors

By
DAVID LAZARUS

JERUSALEM —
Charles Dickens' immortal phrase about it being "the best of times and the worst of times" very much fits Israel's hotel industry situation.

It just depends from where you're looking in.

It is arguably among the worst of times for the hotel industry, which has traditionally depended on the foreign tourist trade to reap profits but has had to watch 1988 roll by as one of the most dismal tourist years on record.

**On the other hand, potential visitors to Israel have an unprecedented opportunity to take advantage of the situation. Rooms have never been more available (winter is slow season anyway), and hotels are offering very tempting rates, either through independent arrangements or as packages coordinated through travel agents.**

Jerusalem's newest hotel, the Hyatt Regency, for example, is offering rates as low as $50 (U.S.) per person based on a 6-night stay.

Ezra Astruc, the hotel's public relations representative, says the hotel's rates as well as its "personal touch" approach should make a visit to Jerusalem irresistible.

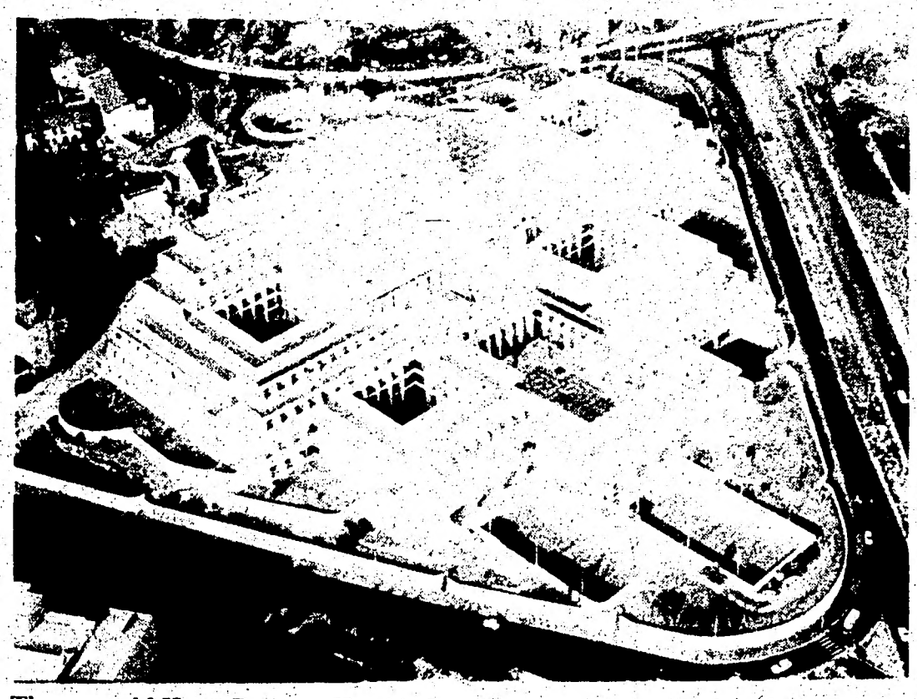
The hotel also has a 30,000 sq. ft. spa with complete facilities that have made it a special attraction to tourists, Israeli guests and the public at large.

Astruc says proudly that the Hyatt is "the most modern" hotel in Israel.

**Israel's leading chain of hotels, the Dans, are also pressing forward with rates and family arrangements to attract prospective tourists.**

The Dan operates eight hotels in Israel, including its flagship, the King David in Jerusalem.

**All its hotels are offering "the more you stay, the less you pay" deals, cutting the costs as much as 15% depending on the length of stay. The chain's 1989-90 "family plans" provide a variety of choices in which the charge for children is reduced or not applied at all, depending on the situation.**



The year-old Hyatt Regency Hotel is Jerusalem's most recent place for tourists.

Joseph Kruvi, general manager of Haifa's famed Dan Carmel, made his point succinctly: "We want as many tourists as possible," and the Dan chain would be doing whatever it could to make that happen.

The Hyatt and Dan examples reflect initiatives by all of Israel's 316 hotels to regroup. With tourism being what it is in Israel — a lifeblood of its economy — hoteliers are understandably worried after 1988.

This is especially true in light of 1987 having been a record tourism year in Israel. As a result, 32 additional hotels were under construction, set to add another 5,500 rooms to the existing 32,000, an increase of 17%.

**Jerusalem alone has 74 hotels, and during 1987 the average hotel stay in Israel was 19 nights, the fifth highest in the world, says Israel's tourism ministry.**

Obviously, the industry is intent on returning to those encouraging numbers. A government master plan is in the works with an eye at bringing in 3 million visitors annually.

The accommodations aspect of the plan is to boost the supply of reasonably priced facilities by developing apartment-hotels, as well as rented rooms and camping facilities as a way to diversify tourist appeal.

But as in any tourism-dependent nation, loads of people checking into hotels is what the country likes to see.

That, agree tourism officials, remains the bottom line.

Regardless of what type of deals are offered potential visitors in terms of hotel rates and packages, success can only be measured by counting the names on the register.

# *Tourism is a boon to Israel's morale*

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not hesitate to characterize it as a crisis, "with no work for 1,500 guides and travel agencies going belly-up."

**For Goldberg, getting Jews to come to Israel is crucial not only from an economic stanbpoint, but in terms of the way "Israel is seen in the world," and for its morale.**

Goldberg stressed that tourism, even more than flattering articles, spreads the good word literally by word of mouth and one-on-one encouragement.

That's why he placed a definite measure of responsibility on the shoulders of the Operation Solidarity visitors.

"It is up to you people."

It is a responsibility participants do not appear to intend to shirk.

They have been made well aware that tourism employs 60,000 Israelis. In 1987, tourism generated $1.25 billon in income, a sizable slice of the gross national product.

Are there any signs that things are starting to turn around?

Maybe. The Jerusalem Post says Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics indicates that the slump has "bottomed out" but has not yet recovered.

**Although total visits are way down from 1987, they are still close to 8% higher than 1986. The seasonally adjusted average showed an improvement October-November compared to the July-September average.**

The Post pointed out that in the first five months of 1988, the seasonally adjusted average "had fallen steadily."

But there are still no reliable predications about the future. Veiled references are made that the future of Israeli tourism is in the hands of the politicians.

And despite repeated assurances and personal testimony that Israel is as fun and safe as ever, Jews are not coming this year as they did last year. Many Europeans and non-Jews are on the beaches and at the Holy sites.

There is marked disappointment that of all peoples, it is North American Jewry that has been staying away more than any other group.

Tourism minister Avraham Sharir's "master plan" called for 2-million visitors by 1995. But as one official at the seminar noted, no argument, personal testimony, sales pitch, or powers of persuasion will work in the face of irrational and unjustified fears.

**The Canadians were urged not to play upon "guilt" when organizing their tours.**

Marash said, "Your message should not be to come because we need you but because Israel is fun."

It is a vacation "plus what you can't get in Miami or Hawaii," he said, namely Israel's attraction as the world's great centre of religion, culture, architecture and history.

The message at the end of the tour was the same as the one at the beginning — that Israel on a value-per-dollar basis is unbeatable and that concerns about security are completely unwarranted.

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## Mission participants say:

# *Israel visit strengthened sense of Jewish identity*

**MONTREAL —**

Sixty-three Montreal residents have returned home from a unity mission to Israel with a stronger sense of Jewish identity.

Participants were volunteers and staff of Allied Jewish Community Services and Combined Jewish Appeal, says an AJCS news release.

**The mission's goals were to inform participants about Israel, help them encourage others to join AJCS/CJA as active Jewish community members, and help them motivate others to visit Israel.**

"I developed a strong sense of Jewish identity and felt the pride and glory about being Jewish," said mission member Justin Sanft.

"It was an uplifting experience in all respects."

Shoula Gabbay, another participant, said: "We arrived (in Israel) as Jewish brothers meeting together with our family in Israel and ready to feel firsthand the achievements, security, power and pride.

"They gave us the feeling that they had long been waiting for us and we gave them strength and support."

Susan Dykhuis, who also went on the trip, said: "Words cannot express the emotional experience. All what I saw — what I felt — is still being sorted in my mind.

**"From the first pleasure of flying El Al where Jews can change an airplane into a synagogue, to seeing Jerusalem, experiencing Masada, flying low over the country to Metullah, visiting the Negev, what can one say?"**

During the mission, participants also joined with Keren Hayesod's study mission contingents from the Australian cities of Melbourne and Sydney for an oneg Shabbat dinner at Jerusalem's King David Hotel.

Other events featured guest speakers, including Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres and prime ministerial advisor Harry Hurwitz.

Mission co-chairman Rosalind Goodman said it was the first trip to Israel for more than half the Montreal contingent.

"It was an honor to be able to lead this mission," said Goodman, who is former chairman of the CJA Women's Division.

**Harvey Wolfe, the mission's other co-chairman, said the trip allowed Montrealers, who have worked diligently for the Jewish state, to go to Israel and see firsthand its successes and challenges.**

"The lower than usual airfare offered by El Al and the excellent rates given by the hotels for the mission were viewed at AJCS not so much as a way to get people, who otherwise would not be going to Israel, to go, but much more as a way of rewarding people who have put their time and efforts on the line for our local community and for Israel," Wolfe said.

**Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres chats with Unity Mission co-chairman Roz Goodman at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem. (Robert Galambos photo)**

**Roslyn Wolfe (left), Women's Division vice-chairman of the 1989 CJA campaign, is seen with Mallary Sackman at Kibbutz Gaveren.**


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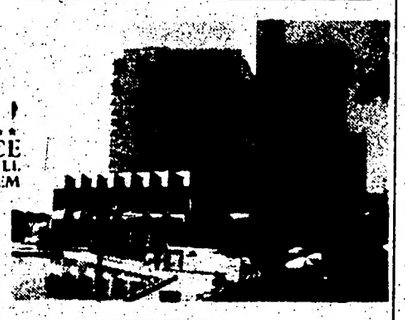

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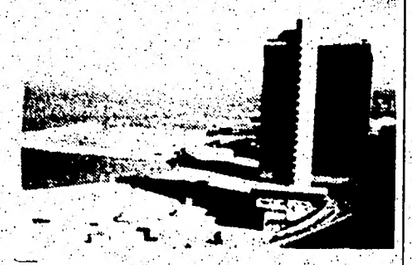

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# Several trips in the works

**MONTREAL —**

Two of the 11 Montrealers who participated in the Operation Solidarity tour of Israel in December have announced plans for follow-up trips to Israel.

**Participants in Operation Solidarity, who paid $300 for the week-long tour, pledged to bring 15 tourists to Israel within six months and to work to promote Israel tourism for the next couple of years. They have been designated "honorary Israeli ambassadors of tourism."**

Raizel Candib, who is vice-principal of Willingdon School in Notre Dame de Grace, plans to lead an "Israel Discovery Tour for Educators" March 17-27. Dr. Morton Lang, meanwhile, has been appointed chairman of the Israel tourism committee of the Synagogue Council of Greater Montreal.

The focus of Candib's tour is to introduce teachers to Israel as "the Land of the Bible" and the birthplace of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

**Candib, who will lead the tour, which occurs during the school spring break (as well as Holy Week and Easter), says the goal is to give teachers an experience they will be able to integrate into their moral and religious education, history, social studies or language arts classes. It is, however, not restricted to teachers in these areas.**

The tour, organized in conjunction with the Jewish National Fund, is limited to 20 persons. The total cost is $1,655 Can.

The itinerary includes touring of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, with visits to Masada, Yad Vashem, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, archeological excavations, the Bahai Temple, Nazareth, the Crusader city of Acre and the Lebanese border. Meetings with Israeli educators are also planned.

**For information, call Candib, 484-2881 or 489-4415, or Nurit Grossman of JNF, 934-0313.**

**Lang is working closely with Doris Magil, chairman of the Leisure and Travel Department of United Synagogue of America, Eastern Canada Region, in organizing a trip to Israel coinciding with the holiday of Succoth this fall.**

Lang, a dentist, is president of the Eastern Canada Region, as well as a member of the Canadian Jewish Congress national executive, vice-president (Canadian) of the Academy of International Dental Studies, a member of the board of overseers of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and a past president of Congregation Beth-El.

He said there is no "cause for alarm" over the safety of tourists in Israel, and hopes the synagogues will cooperate with the Council's Israel tourism committee in boosting visits to Israel.

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*An action-packed trip*

# UIA mission participants quash "unsafe" label

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

A group of United Jewish Appeal supporters have returned from an 8-day mission to Israel with a new perspective on events in the Jewish state.

"It gave us a better understanding of what's going on in Israel today," said Andrew Neuman, who travelled with his wife, Susan, a nurse.

**"We had an opporunity to see things and speak to people that tourists don't get to do on a regular tour," the chartered accountant said.**

About 140 people — two from Montreal and the remainder from Toronto — participated in the trip organized by UJA and Toronto Jewish Congress. They packed two Israeli El Al airplanes, joining about 650 others from across Canada, most of whom were travelling to the Jewish state on separate unity missions. (See separate story on Montreal's unity mission.)

The TJC/UJA trip — combining tours, meetings with Israeli officials and visits to sites that most tourists never see — was held for people who normally wouldn't get an opportunity to join such a mission, said Bernie Farber, research director at Canadian Jewish Congress.

**The trip, costing about $1,100 per person, was also held to promote Israel as a desirable place to visit, said Farber, who travelled with his wife, Karyn, a social worker.**

Tour members travelled from the Dead Sea to Metullah, a thriving settlement on the Lebanese border in Israel's north. They also visited the northern frontier kibbutz of Givat Am and the TJC's Project Renewal towns near Tel Aviv in central Israel.

"It was a very action-packed trip," said Judy Holland, a businesswoman who travelled with her parents, Julie and Leslie Hartman, and her girlfriend, Marilyn Berg.

"We were busy from morning to night."

Neuman said his group also heard about the Palestinian uprising first-hand from Israeli military officials as well as average citizens.

For example, they learned from military personnel that the media is often tipped off in advance of disturbances in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"What all of that taught me was that the Palestinians have developed a major weapon and that is knowing how to properly use the journalistic community."

He said he believes Israelis have become aware of the impact media can have on world opinion.

Despite problems in the territories, businessman Michael Schwartz said he and his wife, Elizabeth, a real estate agent, felt completely at ease in Israel.

**"My wife and I have been to Manhattan twice and we felt much safer in Israel. We felt just as safe as if we were walking around in Thornhill in Toronto."**

Andrew Paton added he was most impressed by what Israel has accomplished in just a few decades compared to the centuries-old city of Cairo, where he and his girlfriend, Denny Pollock, a university student, took a side trip.

"It's absolutely staggering to me what has been accomplished in Israel in just 40 years," said the municipal lawyer, who was one of the few non-Jews to join the trip.

Paton said he now was "hooked" on Israel.

"I think it's a fabulous place. I want to go back again and again because there's so much to see and so much to learn."

# *Israel offers a variety of sights and sounds*

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

A visit to Israel can be more than a religious experience — it can be a wonderful holiday.

Picture experiencing taking part in a recently discovered archeological dig or attending a memorial at Yad Vashem. Nothing can come close to crawling through the Ama Ziah Caves where Jews who were facing persecution from the Romans lived for three years. The caves were made so it was impossible to stand upright so in the event of an ambush, the soldiers found it very difficult to move. A first-hand look that will reverse the clock so actual events that took place thousands of years ago are replayed in the mind.

**"Israel is a place that can offer you a religious experience if that's what you're looking for but it can be so much more," Susan Charendoff said. "It's a wonderful country that offers history, culture, sun and sand."**

Charendoff, a 33-year-old lawyer, took part in Operation Solidarity last December. The Mission was targeted towards certain groups, mid-20s and up, who would ultimately succeed in promoting tourism within the North American sector. Mission participants had to pledge to send 15 visitors to Israel, and agree to become honorary ambassadors of Israel actively promoting tourism to the country for the following three years.

Since the tour, the 57 participants from Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Calgary have been busy organizing various follow-up programs. Each city has formed groups to supply the commitment, the support and the networks needed to fulfill the pledge.

Charendoff, who had not been to Israel for the past 13 years, found the 5-day whirlwind trip impressive.

"When we arrived in Israel, it was clear that our presence was meaningful to the people who met us - tourism officials and politicians. We were treated as ambassadors."

Charendoff, co-writer of Justice Delayed - Nazi War Criminals in Canada, works as a volunteer for the Central Cabinet League for Human Rights. She is also involved with the Israel Committee Institute for International Affairs and B'nai B'rith.

**"One thing that I found was that you are able to see what happens in Israel — firsthand. A lot of what you read in the press is sensationalized. I saw with my own eyes that Israel is as safe as it ever was," Charendoff said.**

**"I think people should go so they can judge for themselves how it is."**

**Israel is visually exciting due to the degree of contrast. From the desert to the lush green forests, from the cities to the ancient ruins, the country has much to offer tourists.**

The tour planted trees, made a visit to the Western Wall, lit the candles of a menorah and visited the Ramat David Airforce Base.

"The trip was definitely worth it," Charendoff says. "The people are beautiful to look at and the country is gorgeous. The diversity of tourist activities is fabulous and the hospitality, astounding."

"The one thing that struck me was how safe and secure I felt while I was there. I felt no threat of danger. Talking to the Israeli people, you realize that yes the country is in political turmoil, but daily life does go on."

What Charendoff also found exciting was the fact that one could always enter into a lively political debate. The opinions are important to Israelis and because of that, tourists do not feel like strangers or outsiders, Charendoff says.

Part of the tour had an interesting experience while driving through Jerusalem. The tour came upon an excited crowd, and after some investigation, they found the source of the amazement — in the middle of the crowd was Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir out for an afternoon walk.

**Since the Mission, Charendoff has been in the process of joining others in the follow-up process. A number of trips have been planned. Some have arranged tours amongst their own professions while others have organized youth groups, senior citizens groups and large family trips.**

When asked if she was returning to Israel herself, Charendoff answered, "definitely, within the year and I'll take some new friends with me."


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"Once again, now more than ever, Israel feels abandoned. Both parties, Israel, as well as ourselves, want to have an encounter with the Israeli youth to show them our solidarity," Westreich said.

Westreich used the word abandoned, and if the latest figures geared towards Israeli tourism mean anything, the rabbi is correct in his opinion.

In 1988, tourism fell 210,000 from the 1987 total. The slide in the travel industry began in earnest in March 1988. The average number of monthly arrivals ran about 90,000 compared to nearly 125,000 in late 1987, according to figures published by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The overall trend remains depressed. But, will the ISS be able to alter the downward slide?

Both Westreich and his 21-year-old assistant Alloul agree it is a start.

"Some of the kids who come back, apply to go again the next year," Alloul said, who was a participant in the program himself.

Alloul had such a good experience with the ISS, that he returned to Israel for a year to study. The would-be lawyer is presently studying at York University where he is enrolled in the 3-year International Relations Program. He teaches part-time at the Free Torah High School.

**Alloul is one of the youth advisors who will accompany Westreich on the tour, along with Chavi Glick of Montreal. Once in Israel, the entourage will be joined by two Israeli advisors, an experienced tourguide and a medic. The breakdown between advisors and the young adults is a ratio of one to eight.**

**Victor Alloul (left) and Dan Somogyi-(right) at the Wall in Israel. They toured with the NCSY.**

The ISS itinerary has many highlights. The package includes touring an airforce base, and meeting well-known Israeli personalities. Perhaps the most impressive event of the trip will be the opportunity for the youths to experience Gadna.

The travellers will have the option of participating in the 5-day intensive army training program — basic training Israeli style. Those who wish to try the program will receive the simulated exercise instructions in Hebrew only.

If they wish to forgo this privilege, the other event available is a five-day study program, Yeshiva, that will take the youths back to their historic roots.

"Both, are two of the basic elements of Israeli life," Westreich said. "The kids are being given the chance to experience the gamut of life in Israel. It is a chance to sensitize the kids and we are given the opportunity to let them touch base with their heritage and traditions."

Alloul himself took part in Gadna while in the program and said, "You really get a good feeling when you get through it."

Another interesting feature of the tour is called PIT Stop — meaning a Put It Together Stop.

"The kids will not just be touring, but they will be given a chance to relate what they feel. The PIT Stop will give them a chance to discuss what they have seen. It is a dialogue — a give-and-take time."

**Those interested in the program have to meet the age requirements — between 15 and 18. Parents who have any reservations about sending their children to Israel need not worry about the safety factor. To begin with, the group has to have security clearance for anything they do and at the least sign of trouble the tour will be re-routed. As Westreich explained, the tour is flexible.**

As well, no matter what the trip, it is customary for one or two Neshek (trained soldiers) to accompany the troupe while in the country for protection.

"We really are quite flexible," Westreich said. "We have a little free time so the children can visit relatives if they wish. An extended stay can be arranged beforehand, with parental permission, if the children wish to stay with family for an extra week or so."

The whole program is extremely well organized. Not only is the excursion being run by experienced people here in Canada, but NCSY also has an agency in Jerusalem. This bureau employs over 20 people who work straight out of Israel. Co-operation is the name of the game.

"It is a long-term relationship," Westreich said. "It is the double system that benefits us because our Israeli counterparts have pull and can arranged through their contacts to get us into places where access is not normally given to the individual tourist."

## Events planned

The tour will feature a stay on a kibbutz, participating in an archeological dig, a stay in a field school and of course shopping time.

**"Most of the other tours I know about are based on the 'out of the window' theory. You would look out the window and see a mountain. Our tour will not only look out the window and see the mountain — we'll climb it."**

In order to promote the trip, Westreich and Alloul have planned many information seminars, and are hard at work in the field promoting the excursion.

"We have advertised through the mail, the newspapers and through the Centre itself," Alloul said. "We allow the youths to sign up here and we have visited the schools to talk to those youths who would be eligible."

The next information meeting is scheduled for March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the NCSY Centre which is located at 3524 Bathurst St. in Toronto. The number to call is 782-4426. In Montreal, the information meeting has been set for Feb. 27 at 5876 Centennial Road, Cote St. Luc. The person to contact is Chavi Glick at 514-488-1861. The final date for application is May 15.

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TEL AVIV —

Whatever the implications caused by domestic problems, Israel remains one of the world's most attractive, exciting and fulfilling travel destinations.

Last fall the annual conference of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) took place in Jerusalem. Nearly 2,000 delegates attended the event, many of whom stayed on an extra week or so in order to see the rest of the country, despite threats by anti-Israel and terrorist groups in the United Kingdom.

Interviewed by the press, many confided that they were a little scared after being led to believe that Israel was a "battleground." In fact, many admitted that they had not seen any fighting or even many men in uniform.

**True, some more intrepid agents went off to see East Jerusalem, where much of the uprising takes place. A handful wished to go to Gaza but changed their minds when told that this too, is an all-Arab town.**

So, most stayed in West Jerusalem, where the hotels include the prestigious Hilton at the entrance to Jerusalem, the Sheraton, the Ramada Renaissance (now Israel's largest luxury hotel after its recent addition), the King David, the Moriah, the Laromme and the Hyatt Regency.

Jerusalem is an undivided city where there is freedom of worship for all races and religions very unlike the pre-1967 years when it was in Jordanian hands.

Jerusalem holds something special for every visitor and neither Jew nor Gentile can fail to be impressed, awed in fact, by the majesty of this ancient city of David.

**Jerusalem is just a 1½ hour drive to the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on earth some 400 metres below sea level, as well as Massada and the Qumran caves, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found (now to be seen in the Jerusalem Israel Museum).**

The Dead Sea has actually become the "live" sea, especially now with the spring opening set for the luxury 300-room Sonesta, the first international hotel to be built in the area. The Dead Sea waters actually make one feel alive and the sulphur, bromide and magnesium filled waters are a boon to sufferers of skin ailments.

Less than three hours drive south is Eilat on the Red Sea, a fabulous year-round resort with every water sport and the nearby King Solomon's Mines. Here, too, British hotel magnate David Lewis has opened three luxury hotels with more than 1,000 rooms.

Tel Aviv hardly needs any introduction. In this town the 620 room Hilton hosts holidaymakers and business executives year-round as it always has done, and many hundreds of families from all parts of the world who come to celebrate family simchas. The synagogue at the Hilton, with capacity for 1,000 persons is the largest hotel synagogue in the world.

There is also a Sheraton, which now is managed by Raul Yacoby until just recently general manager of Sheraton hotels in Winnipeg and Hamilton. Moriah Plaza, the Ramada Continental and the Carlton are but a few of the top hotels in Tel Aviv and, for the budget conscious, there is the fine Armon HaYarkon hotel.

Haifa, in the northern part of the country, is a really wonderful place. Among the many hotels here are the Dan Carmel and the Dan Panorama hotels.

One could go on and on raving about all the good things that Israel has to offer but come and see for yourself.

This incomplete memorial, Yad Vashem, was erected in the memory of the children who perished during the Holocaust. (Gloria Clamen photo)

Tourists can take time out to enjoy a little sun and sand. These visitors cool down by taking a dip in the refreshing waters of Dead Sea.

Many visitors gather at Ben Yehuda St. in Jerusalem. (Gloria Clamen photo)


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*History comes alive*

# The view from Masada well worth the climb

By
PHIL FINE

MASADA —

It's a puff and a pant up the zigzag footpath to the top of this ancient fortress 1,300 feet above the Dead Sea.

**But it was even more of a sweat 2,000 years ago when thousands of slaves lugged up tons of rock to build this fortress for King Herod the Great.**

Yet lug they did completing in 30 CE a mountain-top complex of palaces, defence towers, storehouses, barracks and arsenals so formidable that a band of Jewish zealots who made it their refuge decades later was able to keep a vastly superior force of Roman legionnaires at bay for almost a year.

When Masada did fall, the zealots fell, too, but not at the hands of the Romans. All 960 men, women and children took their own lives rather than surrender to those who were to snuff out the last flame of Jewish independence.

**The battlements and buildings which the slaves toiled so hard to build and the zealots fought so long to defend have been unearthed and restored.**

But you don't have to clamber up the snake path to see them. A cable car will whisk you to the top.

The view from there is nothing short of extraordinary. To the east are the haze-enshrouded hills of Jordan and the aquamarine luminescence of the Dead Sea, halved by a marshy fill bisected by a connecting canal.

Closer by, a black licorice whip of a road fingers its way to the reception area and picnic grounds.

And, closer still, at points around Masada's base, are the rectangular rock cribs where the legionnaires encamped.

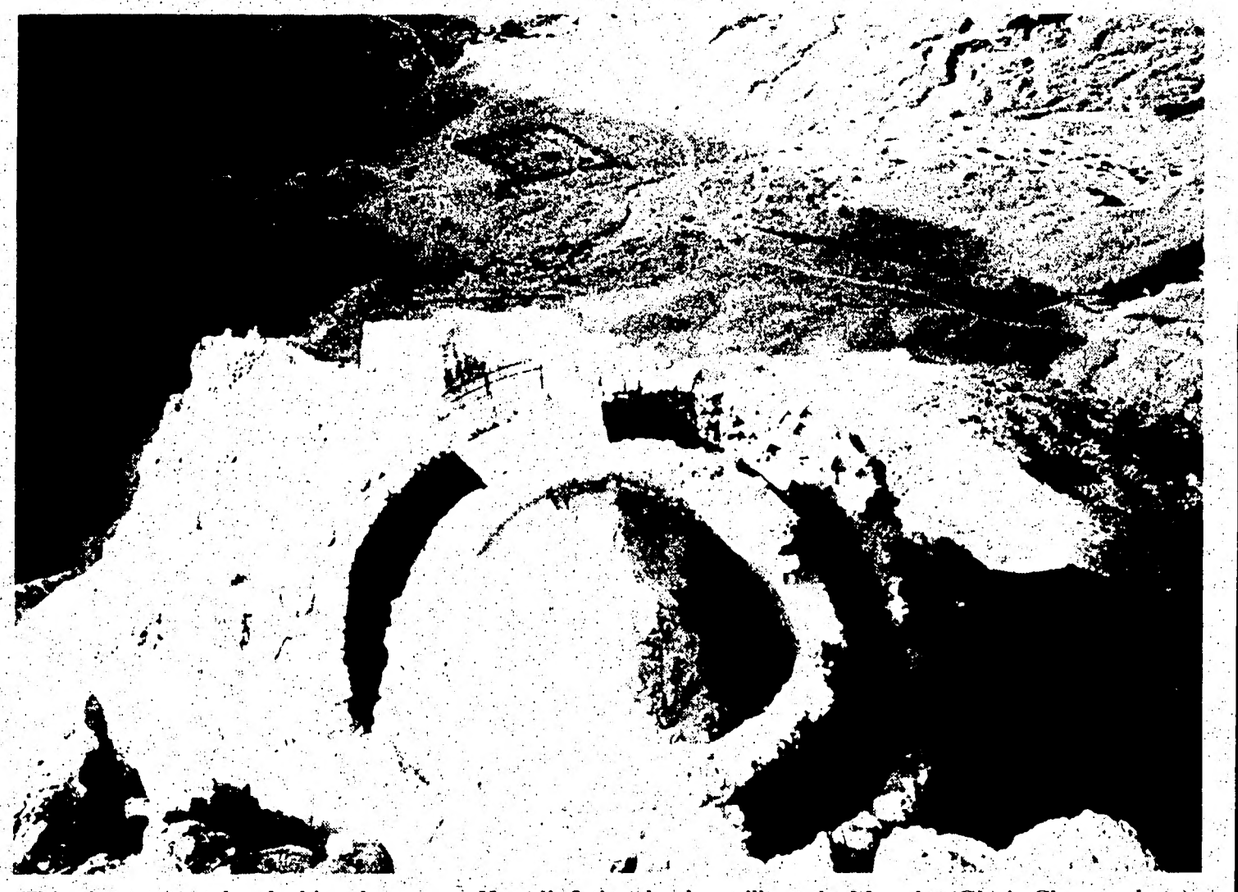
**But the summit buildings themselves are Masada's real attraction. In addition to Herod's frescoed palaces — some, with mosaiced floors — there are several of the zealots' buildings which testify to the unbroken chain of Jewish tradition. There's a shul, oriented as required toward Jerusalem, and two mikvahs — constructed exactly according to halacha.**

Besides the ritual chambers, excavations at Masada have also yielded vast quantities of artifacts — parchment scrolls, utensils, potsherds and glass — which are on display at the Shrine of the Book Museum in Jerusalem.

For visitors made hungry by sightseeing, there's a cafeteria and a restaurant near the reception area at the base of Masada.

Like many of Israel's tourist attractions, Masada is close to major centres. Only 2½ hours from Tel Aviv, the fortress is a mere 1½-hour drive along the Dead Sea from Jerusalem.

Masada is also close to Arad, Beersheba, Dimona and other points of interest in the Negev.



This picture was taken looking down upon Herod's 3-tiered palace villa at the Masada. (Gloria Clamen photo)

# *Many special events, activities are planned this year in Israel*

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
TORONTO —

There are plenty of tour packages available for those who wish to visit Israel this year.

To begin with, the biennial Jerusalem International Book Fair will run from March 12 to 18. During the Fair, the Jerusalem Prize, an international literary award, will be presented to the writer whose work expresses the idea of The Freedom of the Individual in Society.

A forum will also be held and three guests will present papers on the theme Towards the Year 2000: New Forces in Publishing. A panal discussion and audience participation will follow.

**From April 22 to 24, a festival combining nature trails, chamber music and guided tours will take place in Central Galilee in northern Israel. The Central Galilee is in full bloom at this time of year and a fitting backdrop for a festival that will incorporate a variety of jazz, folk, and classical music.**

**Guided tours are conducted in various languages. Participants are free to meet with settlers from the community villages.**

A new tour company in Israel — Tour-of-Fun — is breaking into the tourist market. Based on a kibbutz in the Jordan Valley (Ashdot Ya'akov), the package offers participants a biking tour to religious shrines, lakes, beaches, primeval deserts and archeological remains.

The tour can be custom-tailored to fit all interests. Some of the highlights include pre-arranged accommodation, a service vehicle for repairs, orientation meetings and special cycling garb on request.

Another event will take place in one of Israel's oldest cities, Safed in the Upper Galilee. The new art exhibit on sculpture and painting is open to the public on Sundays. Safed is one of the four cities holy to Judaism as the centre of Kabbala, or Jewish mysticism.

**Its golden age of the 16th and 17th centuries seems untouched by the hands of time. The cobbled streets and narrow alleys of Safed are home to a large artists' colony. This section exudes charm and quaintness and the products of the artists work are enticing to all.**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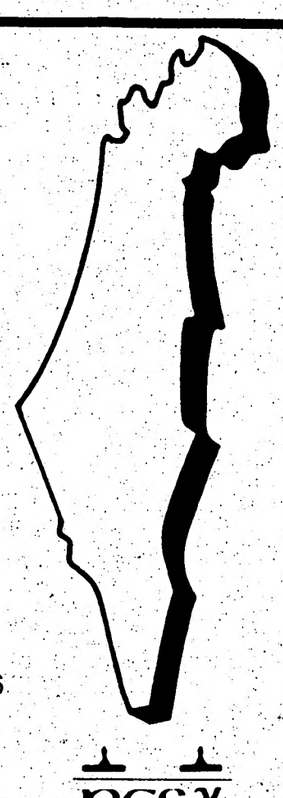

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## Smells stimulate senses

# Jaffa's flea market always bustles with activity

By
LILI FOURNIER

JAFFA —

On the southern edge of Tel Aviv lies the ancient port city of old Jaffa, a town rich in legend. A former Crusader fortress destroyed by Napoleon and rebuilt by the Turks, Jaffa today is home to many inspired Israeli artists. And to some of the country's finest cuisine.

**On my way to catch a bus to Old Jaffa at the Allenby St. bus depot in Tel Aviv, I came across the open air Carmel Market and was drawn in by its charm and oriental exoticism.**

An amazing mish mash of food and humanity, in a total blaze of color and sensation, were jointly weaving a common fabric of the best of times, as hawker after hawker proudly called out his wares, displaying everything from flowers to copperware, from handicrafts to the juiciest produce I had ever laid eyes upon.

Continuing to Jaffa, after this interlude, I arrived at the Clock Town Square and strolled through the bustle of the flea market with its assortment of real antiques and bargain hunter junk and headed off in search of the Artist's Quarter.

**Having taken a wrong turn I stopped to ask a couple eating in a cafe where I was. Upon their invitation, I joined them for a glass of arak, and hours later came up for air, having by chance run into one of the local's best kept secrets, The Jaff. This is the finest of fish restaurants, where the regular clientele come from all over the country to be feted by the charismatic and wild-haired beauty, Margaret.**

It was in this company of friends with its enveloping feeling of being one big family that I realized that the enjoyment of life and the consumption of food are inextricably intertwined here. Flavored by the variegated influences of a population sifted from a multitudes of cultures, the soul of Israel is displayed in every restaurant and cafe and marketplace.

The salads of Moroccan birth, served with warm pita were the tastiest imaginable. Lemony caraway pumpkin and cumin flavored carrots. Velvety smooth Taheena. Garlicky slices of baked eggplant. Grilled tomatoes and hot pimentos.

And the piece de resistance which I watched Margaret grill over the coals and moisten with aromatic herbs, was the crisp grilled St. Peter's Fish, from the Sea of Galilee. She creates this famous Israeli dish to a delicate perfection.

**In the late afternoon, I at last arrived at the picturesque Artist's Quarter. I strolled along the narrow winding cobblestone lanes, stopping to admire the works of many sculptors and artists who live in this restored haven. I was enchanted with the beautifully crafted silver jewelry and the range of work which displayed such distinctive artistry.**

The old Custom Authority buildings along the ancient port's waterfront are being renovated and now house a proud mix of cafes, theatres, Brazilian, Chinese and seafood restaurants, which straddle the shoreline filled with yachts and fisherman's boats.

I ended the evening here by the water's edge, sipping tea with a couple of Israeli soldiers. Feeling satisfied, I watched the gentle wash of waves in this protected harbor as the sun set across the restored quay. A beautiful tribute to Jaffa's fascinating history.

Vigorous, vibrant and alive. And so enjoyably digestable.

**Pitas stuffed with falafel and condiments are tasty and filling regardless of the time of day.**

# Safed is steeped in history

By
PHIL FINE

SAFED —

The bullet-pocked wall of at least one of this city's downtown buildings is a mute reminder that Safed did not fall to the Israelis without a struggle in the War of Independence.

But the ping-ping of sniper fire seems out of place today in this staircase-like city of narrow, twisting alleyways which hugs the hills of northern Galilee.

**Indeed, Safed, is the perfect model of serenity, the only sound being the hum of davening from the city's many synogogues.**

The shuls are one of the principal attractions. Indeed, the Ari synagogue of Rabbi Isaac Luria, the Kabbalist, dates from the 16th century. The venerable Aboab shul, named after Rabbi Isaac Aboab, boasts a windowed skylight, vaulted ceilings and a high bima with a filigreed chupa frame. The Rabbi Joseph Caro and Rabbi Yose ha-Bannai shuls also merit a visit.

The synagogue names aren't mere honorifics. Luria, Aboab, ha-Bannai and Caro, author of the Shulchan Aruch, an halachic classic, all lived and worked in Safed. Indeed, the city has long been a home to the sages and, in the 1600s, was the centre of Jewish mysticism.

Despite Safed's remoteness in the 18th and 19th centuries from Eastern Europe (even today it's a gear-grinding trek up from Rosh Pina), the city attracted both chassidim and mitnagdim.

**Indeed, 300 followers of the Baal Shem Tov came as early as 1778. Their ideological opponents, disciples of the Vilna Gaon, arrived in 1810.**

Safed's steep paths and cobblestoned streets make sturdy but comfortable shoes a necessity. However, the vistas from the city's summit make any trek worthwhile.

From the street behind the synagogues, one looks across the valley with its centuries-old cemetery to green-mantled hills. And, from the 13th century Crusader fortress overlooking the city, one spies in the distance the Sea of Galilee itself.

Its proximity makes Safed a good jumping-off point for day trips to Tiberias with its spas, hot springs and ancient synagogues or to the strategic Golan Heights. In fact, Route 91, the road to the Golan begins just three kilometres north of Rosh Pina.

**A short haul up that road brings one to a narrow Bailey Bridge across the Jordan River which at this point is a mere stream. Legend has it that Jacob's daughters entered Canaan here.**

Just above the bridge on the north side is a black, basalt stone memorial, a monument to those Israelis who fell taking the strategic site during the Six Day War. The memorial overlooks Kibbutz Gadot which, up until 1967, was periodically bathed with Syrian shells.

A half-hour or so beyond the monument is En Ziwan and, just beyond that, the now-abandoned city of Kuneitra. Captured by Israel in 1967, the city now sits sepulchral-like on the Syrian side of the ceasefire line.

On the Israeli side is Avital Hill whose crown is adorned with a military observation post. The site, needless to say, is festooned with antennae. A circumferential trench midway down the slope presents a less than friendly welcome to Syrian tanks and armored vehicles.

From En Ziwan — and, indeed, from many vantage points in the Golan — one can see snow-capped Mt. Hermon where Syrian and Israeli jets dueled during the Yom Kippur War.

**Twenty kilometres from En Ziwan are the Banias, headwaters of the Jordan. Waterfalls, gorges and green-embowered walking trails make this popular national park a veritable fairyland.**

From the Banias, it's a short drive through rich farmland (bordering the Hula Valley) to Qiryat Shemona, a city of 16,000 once fair game for PLO attacks.

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## Jewish Agency program

# *Israeli has eyes reopened*

**JERUSALEM —**

For Soviet Jewish immigrant Henya Goldene, a 3-day tour through Israel last November was one of self-discovery.

And for the group of 52 Soviet Jewish tourists she accompanied, it was an eye-opening experience — a once-in-the-lifetime opportunity to see the Jewish state firsthand and dispel misconceptions.

"You see the fire in their eyes, feel their excitement and hear their emotional words," said Goldene, an employee of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Dept.

"The atmosphere is infectious and it affected me, the sometimes cynical Israeli," she said.

**Since last summer almost 5,000 Soviet Jewish tourists have visited Israel, taking part in the special tour program sponsored by the Agency's aliya department.**

The program's purpose is to encourage Soviet Jews to immigrate to Israel if they get the chance.

During the excursions, the tourists, accompanied by Soviet Jewish olim, are "brought into contact with the 'real Israel' in its variety of lifestyles and religious observance in order to dispel the misconceptions formed in Russia," said a Jewish Agency news release.

For many, the tours provide Soviet Jews' with their first opportunity to visit a synagogue.

Goldene joined one of the tours, but had "no clear idea" of why.

"Curiosity? Nostalgic searching for roots?" she asked.

"A reaching back to a homeland I actually no longer remember and that only exists for me in the stories told and songs sung at home?"

But by the end, she knew the tour had been one of self-discovery.

"It was impossible to remain unmoved," Goldene said.

"Even for me, an employee of the immigration and absorption department, there was a sudden understanding that despite the Iron Curtain, despite the lack of information, despite the distance and lack of communication, the things which connect us are stronger than everything else.

**"I realized the strength and uniqueness of the Jewish people — the significance of the expression the 'Jews of Silence'."**

The bus left early in the morning on the tour's first day. Turning north on a coastal road, it stopped at Caesarea, later continuing to Kinneret, Ein Gev, Hamat Gader, and arriving at dusk at Kfar Blum.

The group — men and women mostly in their 50s — were from Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Kishinev and Vilna and elsewhere. Many were engineers and doctors. There was also a university lecturer as well as several photographers and athletes.

On the second day, the group visited a kibbutz. To the participants' surprise, they encountered a young Soviet tourist who had stayed on as a volunteer.

"Needless to say, the young man aroused great curiousity," Goldene said.

Later in the day, participants, wrapped in snug winter coats, tested the chilly azure waters of the Mediterranean Sea at Naharyia.

And so the tour continued.

**So far, Jewish Agency organizers have received dozens of thank you letters from participants who have returned to the USSR.**

"The trip was unforgettable," said one letter signed by 20 people.

The Agency's total tour budget is $400,000 (U.S.). Each 3-day tour for about 30 people costs $3,500 (U.S.). Participants pay for their own round-trip airfare from the USSR.

**The Ba'hai Temple rests within the beautifully sculptured Ba'hai gardens overlooking Haifa Bay. (Gloria Clamen photo)**

# Soviet visitors boost tourism

By
CARL ALPERT

**JERUSALEM —**

It was not a solution to Israel's problem of reduced tourism, but during 1988 this country welcomed some 8,000 tourists from an unusual and unexpected source — Jews from the Soviet Union. It was apparently a manifestation of glasnost in a new form.

The procedures involved were relatively simple. OVIR granted tourist exit visas to those who could show an invitation from members of their immediate family (parents, siblings, spouse, or children), with commitment also to cover all expenses of the visitors while they were in Israel. Other details varied, depending on where the tourists came from, indicating that the local authorities possessed a considerable degree of bureaucratic freedom.

Thus, in some instances, only one member of a family was permitted to leave; yet there have been cases where an entire family, parents and children, were approved as tourists. There were unconfirmed rumors that some of the tourists had to sign pledges that they would return, on pain of all sorts of punishment.

**All of the visitors went back to the Soviet Union when their visas expired (usually from one to two months, though there were instances of extension). Some who inquired as to the possibility of remaining in Israel were advised not to do so, since this could endanger the continuation of the new freedom.**

In Israel, these tourists are usually housed with their own families, who look after them, though the Jewish Agency and the Public Council for Soviet Jewry provide them with guided tours of the country. A typical day in Jerusalem includes visits to the Wall, the Knesset, the old-city Jewish Quarter and the Israel Museum — with extensions to Massada. In the north they are taken to the Galilee, the Kinneret, kibbutzim, a Druze village and Caesarea, among other places. The guides are all Russian-speaking.

The Soviet Jews ask many questions, and it has been observed that most of them take profuse notes. They ask for and receive various types of descriptive literature; about 20% request religious literature.

The Soviet government does permit them to take out a certain amount of foreign currency, and this they utilize to purchase items — electronic equipment, clothing and shoes — which are apparently in short supply at home. Almost every visitor takes back a video recorder, which is the limit permitted by incoming customs at Moscow.

Some who had visited Israel earlier in the year, have already filed requests to immigrate.

What impresses them the most? The Diaspora Museum, in Tel Aviv, is an eye-opener, introducing them to Jewish communities in all parts of the world. At the Technion, where former Soviet Jews, now on the staff, receive them, they fire away with questions about opportunities for higher education for their children. This seems to be one of their major interests.

# NIF trip stresses projects that advance social justice

**TORONTO —**

If you thought you knew everything about Israel, surprise yourself and join the tour organized by the New Israel Fund that will run from June 15 to 29.

The focus of the trip relates directly to projects that strengthen democracy and advance social justice in Israel.

**Meetings have been arranged with leaders of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, the Council for Peace and Security and the Israel Women's Network. Visits have also been planned to the Council of Freedom for Science, Religion and Culture, and the Committee on Education in Oriental Neighborhoods and Development Towns and many other organizations.**

The study tour will be lead by Rabbi Simkha Weintraub, director of public affairs for the New Israel Fund. Weintraub is a graduate of Brandeis University and the Jewish Theological Seminary, and is a trained family therapist. This is the second year he has assisted with the tour.

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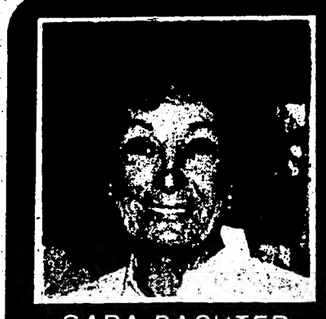

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*Partners launch bus firm*

# Dream takes to the road

By
LILI FOURNIER

TEL AVIV — Arthur Goldberg talks with such quick flourish, his worlds bubbling over with enthusiasm, that when he stops short, you're surprised.

Goldberg's zest for life is as genuine as is his optimistic outlook. He and his partner, Lionel Druker, just celebrated their 60th birthdays, having first met as two young law students in the Canadian forces during World War II.

**In 1948, Goldberg, formerly of Vancouver and Druker, formerly of Sydney, NS, set out with a team of ex-soldiers they'd recruited, to defend Israel from the almost certain attacks to come. The two men found themselves fighting for a year, in the north against the Syrians, on the central front, against the Iraqis and the Jordanians and near the Gaza Strip against the Egyptians.**

After the war he and Druker decided to stay on to practice law. Unfortunately, Goldberg recalls with laughter, they found there were about 400 other lawyers. They looked around for potential and all they saw was sand, sun and sea.

"We hit on a great idea," Goldberg said. "There was no tourism. We could build a tourist bus, something completely innovative, never done before, glass on top, a radio. We built the buses against all advice. It was a fabulous operation. In tourism we could open the eyes of the world to Israel."

**This dream grew into 120 tourist coaches which they sold in 1976 to the Dan Bus Co. Their retirement lasted a week. They jumped back in with Sightseeing Tours. They pioneered "Schools Abroad" bringing over thousands of students; shore excursions for cruise ships; and were often chided for having more Canadians visit their office than the Canadian embassy.**

"Chutzpah and luck" said Goldberg when asked to explain his success. "The main difference, between running a business in Canada and here," Goldberg said, "is that running a tourist business is much more difficult in Israel. You never know where you're going to be from month to month because of the political situation. You can't plan ahead."

Goldberg lives with his wife Leumit and has three grown children, his son Danny is in business with him. Goldberg met his wife Leumit dancing the hora in the streets of Tel Aviv on the first peaceful independence day in 1949. Their story is the history of Israel. "It's exciting we're still here" Leumit says. "At the time of independence, I wondered if we were going to last another week."

**Leumit, as a young child, walked with her Yemenite parents across the Arabian desert for six months to reach Palestine. "Our children, Goldberg says, "are real sabras, a mixing of both Jewish cultures, Eastern and Western, into modern Israelis."**

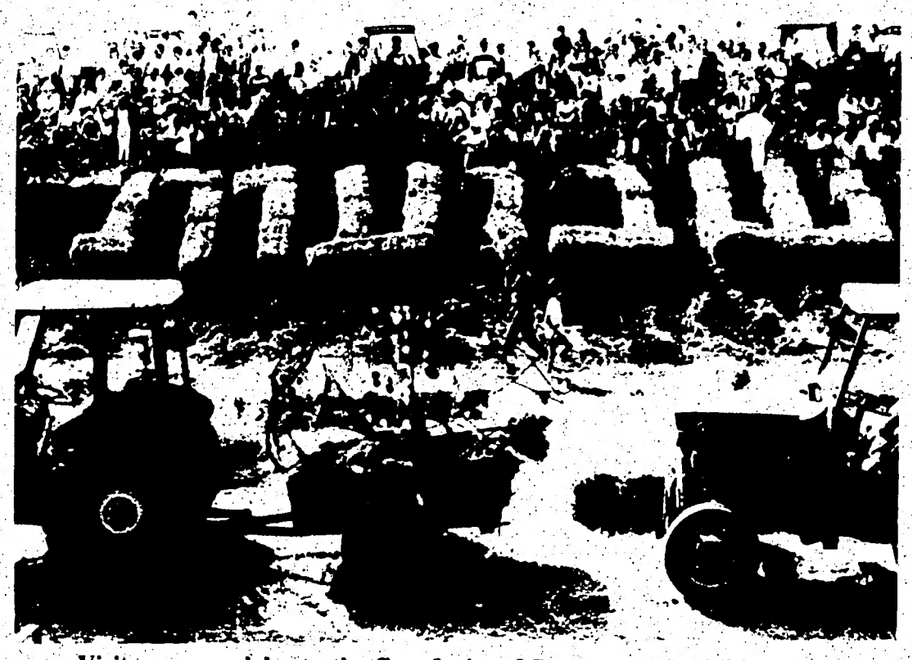
The country's 40th anniversary of independence last year was filled with mixed emotions for the Goldbergs as for many Israelis. It coupled memories of the survival of the Holocaust, through Israeli's many wars with the thrill of having a Jewish homeland. Each Goldberg child has served in the Israeli Defence Force as will their grandchildren.

**For Leumit, who worked for the underground before Independence, Israel's existence is a wonder. For Goldberg, "it's a miracle come true. When I came here it was a non-entity in the middle of the desert. I've spent 40 years watching what for 2,000 years Jews dreamed about."**

I met Arthur Goldberg at a reception held by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel for a group of us visiting on the Operation Solidarity venture.

As he proudly recalled his and Druker's pioneering efforts in building the Israel tourist business, his passionate patriotism seemed to invade us all on a very personal level, when he equated the universal "us" to the pioneers of 48. "We're pioneers. Real pioneers. We all are. This is the time to show the unity of Jewish people everywhere."

**Although realistic enough about the current situation, some 15 years ago, this man whose whole life is based on a foundation of optimism, is noted to have said "Yes, we'll take our buses to Cairo. The day will come." And so it did.**



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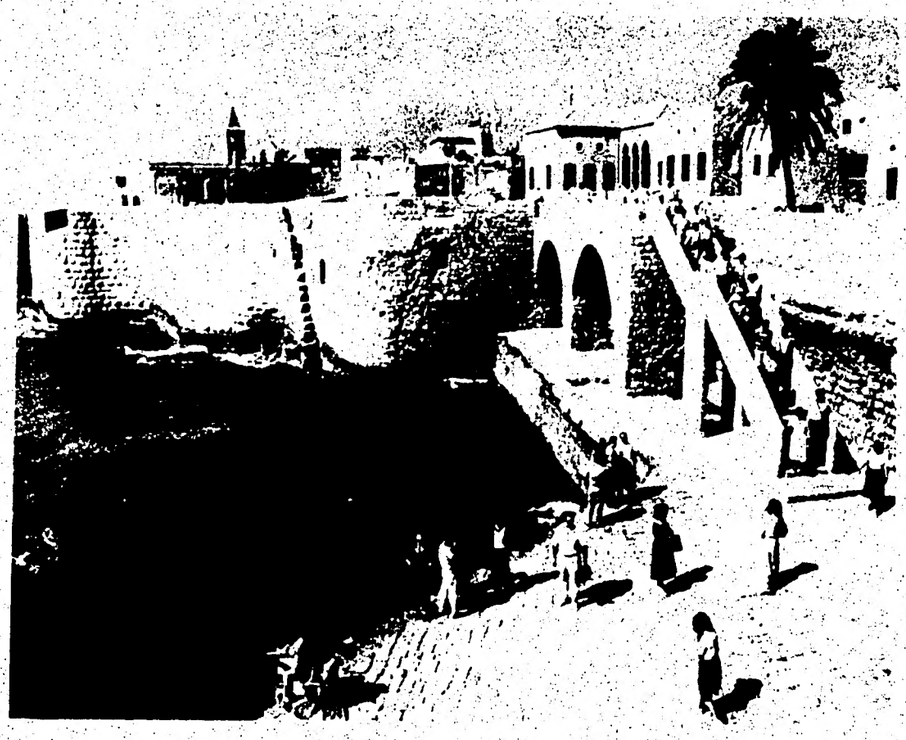
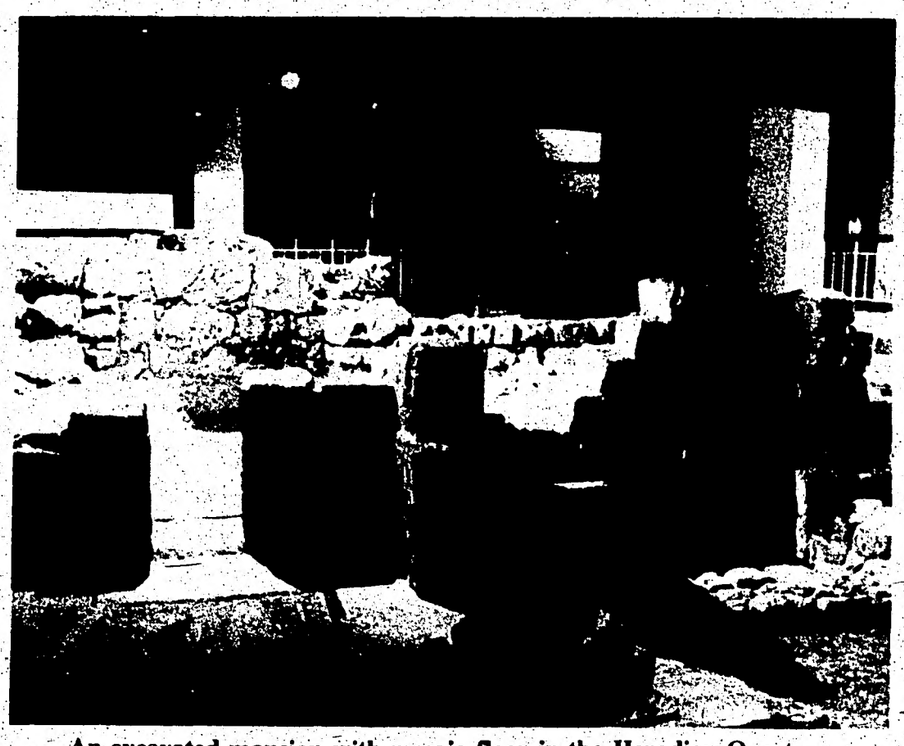


**Tourists visit the ancient port city of Akko.**



**An excavated mansion with mosaic floor in the Herodian Quarter.**

# Kosher gourmets can satisfy palate

By
ROSE KLEINER

JERUSALEM —

This city, where most tourists spend a large part of their visit to Israel, now has the most impressive kosher dining facilities in the world. From casual dairy, and fast-food places, to international, sophisticated restaurants, the choices for dining out in Jerusalem is a kosher gourmet's delight.

First, there is a seemingly endless number of kiosks serving mouth-watering felafel, pizza and bourekas, to name but a few of the favorites. These places are inexpensive, and for those on the run, provide a satisfying quick meal.

The city has many good dairy restaurants. Alumah (8 Yaevetz St.) specializes in carefully selected natural foods. Pancake Geula (7 Yaakov Meir St.) serves 10 kinds of pancakes, along with pizza, spaghetti and sweet or salty blintzes.

**Burger Tivall (84 Jaffa Rd.) creates dairy cheeseburgers, shnitzel and kebabs. They carry different soy products, too. Primus (3 Yavetz St.) is a fish and dairy restaurant, in central Jerusalem, which offers also a large selection of melawach (Yemenite bread).**

A beautiful, spacious terrace is part of the Four Seasons Cafe-Restaurant (54 Haneviim St.), where fish and dairy foods are served. The menu is varied, and dishes include stuffed vegetables, pies and salads.

For vegetarian and dairy foods there is also the restaurant at Beit Ticho (Ticho St., off Harav Kook St.). Ticho House, as it is called in English, is the former home of the late artist, Anna Ticho, and her physician husband.

The couple lived there during the first decades of the century, and the house now is part of the Israel Museum. Visitors can enjoy the exhibit of artworks and Chanukah lamps, and then dine in the restaurant until midnight.

**There are two Off The Square restaurants in Jerusalem. The one at 6 Yoel Salomon St. has a large selection of fish and dairy foods such as blintzes and pot pies. The restaurant at 17 Yoel Salomon St. prepares meats ranging from steak and liver to veal and meat pies.**

Among the meat restaurants in Jerusalem, there is Something Something (Kanfei Nesharim, Mercaz Shatner). Its menu consists of grilled chicken, sausages and fish, both pickled and smoked.

A garden restaurant serving meat dishes in the centre of Jerusalem is located at 8 Agrippas, near Jaffa Rd. Hasimta Restaurant features Middle Eastern, traditional Jewish, and vegetarian dishes. Grilled and barbecued foods are also available.

For international foods, one can order both French and Italian dishes at Poire et Pomme (2 Remez Square). This dairy restaurant has all kinds of crepes, a salad bar and such pasta choices as ravioli, lasagna and eggplant parmigian.

**Northern Italian food is served at La Pasta (16 Yosef Rivlin), a dairy restaurant offering elegant dining at reasonable prices.**

An informal French ambience is part of Little Jerusalem (59 Haneviim St.). On the menu are cheese souffles, salad nicoise and crepes. Tuesday evenings there is live music.

A charming century-old house is the setting for the Yemenite Step restaurant (12 Yoel Salomon St.) where meat and vegetarian cuisine are popular. Hungarian food is the specialty at Coritz Restaurant (43 Malchei Israel), which also offers a take out service.

Jerusalem's Cactus restaurant (33 Keren Hayesod) is the only authentic Mexican kosher restaurant in Israel. In addition to vegetarian dishes they serve chicken mole, tamales, enchilada mole, tacos, tostada and chili con carne.

Chinese food in Jerusalem is the specialty of Yosi Peking (5 Shimon ben Shetah), which also has a branch in Tel Aviv.

**For a wonderful experience of Japanese dining, nothing beats the Teppanyaki, at the King Solomon Hotel. It is an experience because patrons watch as the food is beautifully prepared at their table.**

Both elegant and informal dining is offered by Jerusalem's various hotels. The Kumsitz at the Jerusalem Sheraton Plaza Hotel serves dairy dishes up to 11 p.m. The hotel's Cow on the Roof is well-known for its French gourmet cuisine.

Menus celebrating particular seasonal foods are a part of the Kumsitz restaurant tradition. For example, during the Avocado Festival the restaurant prepared almost a dozen different dishes with avocado, ranging from crepes to lasagna, fish and avocado mousse.

The Jerusalem Hilton stages international food festivals at different times during the year. It offers business lunches at its Hamsah restaurant where a hot buffet of meats and Oriental dishes, as well as a salad bar, are all part of the menu.

The Hilton's Kerem restaurant is for gourmet dining, and the lounge restaurant serves a variety of snacks. The hotel offers diet meals on 24-hour notice.

The above is only a small sample of Jerusalem's numerous kosher gourmet, and casual, eating establishments. Visitors are sure to discover many others on their own as they explore the city's different neighborhoods.

Toronto's Village Folk Ensemble will perform Yemenite dances as part of Simpsons Mediterranean Odyssey travel program. (Graphic Artists photo)

# Israeli food, music and art featured at Simpsons store

TORONTO —

Israeli cooking, music, and art are featured Feb. 24 as part of Simpsons Mediterranean Odyssey travel promotion.

At the downtown branch of the department store:

• Chef Kathy Ross will give demonstrations of Israeli cooking, 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the sixth floor.

• The Israeli Band/Batsheva and the Culture Vultures perform noon to 1 p.m., on the main floor.

• Art historian Sharron Goelman will give a lecture and slide presentation entitled Glimpses of Israeli Art, also noon to 1 p.m., on the lower level.

From 7.30-8.30 p.m., Feb. 23 Toronto's Village Folk Ensemble will give its third performance of Yemenite dancing, on the main floor.

Egypt, Turkey, and Greece are also featured in other programs during the month-long Odyssey. They incorporate "in-store demonstrations, exhibits, travel seminars and entertainment that reflect the atmosphere of the Mediterranean," said Gerard Laldee, Simpsons special events coordinator.

On Thursday, March 2:

• Israeli piano and vocal music will be performed by Noam Eisen, noon to 1 p.m. on the third floor.

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## Judaica art market

# *Sotheby's has slated several sales for Tel Aviv*

TEL AVIV —

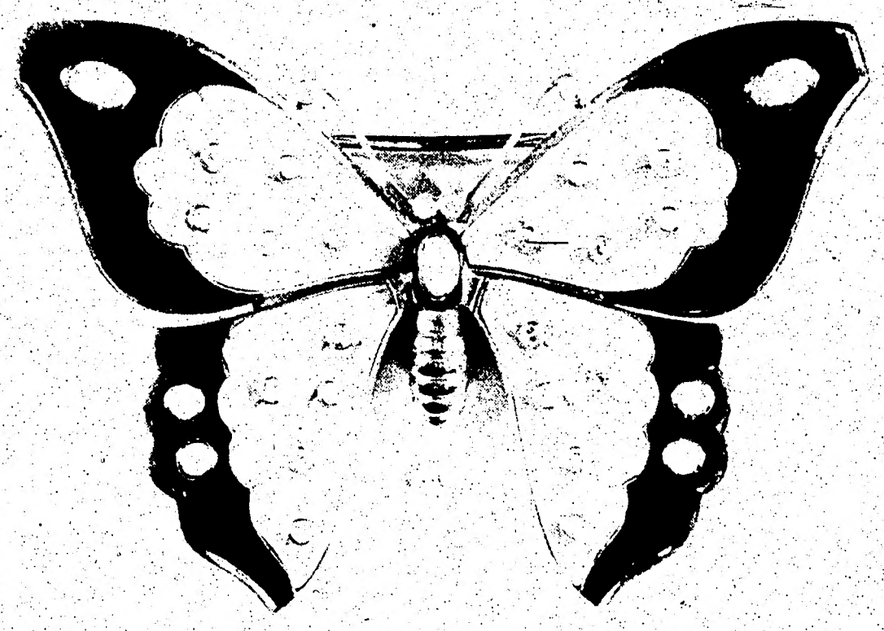
As world art sales have set records and become major news over the past several years, Israel, too, has taken its place among the world's art centres. With this, it joins London, New York, Amsterdam, Geneva and Monaco as the locale of international art auctions.

In 1985, Sotheby's, the world's oldest auctioneer of fine arts, opened its Tel Aviv office and held its first sale of Judaica in Jerusalem. This established a precedent for yearly sales of Judaica in Israel and, in response to the interest aroused, led to the creation the following year of the biennial Jerusalem International Judaica Fair. Sotheby's is a major exhibitor at the Fair and maintains an active presence on its board of directors.

**Despite initial doubts and difficulties, Sotheby's sales and the International Judaica Fair shifted the centre of the Judaica market from New York and London, placing it squarely in its "natural" setting — Israel. Now, with its fourth sale of Judaica scheduled at the Tel Aviv Hilton on April 30, Sotheby's finds private and institutional clients from North America and Europe, as well as Israel, eager to participate in buying and selling their works of Jewish interest here.**

With the focus of the Judaica art market firmly ensconced in Israel, Sotheby's moved to develop a further element of the worldwide art scene here. In 1987, the first auction of its kind to offer a large selection of works by internationally recognized artists such as Chagall, Soutine, Kisling, Rubin, Mane Katz, Zadkine and Orloff was held by Sotheby's at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel. These artists, naturally popular with Israeli and Jewish collectors, also appeal to a wider audience.

**This oil on canvas Vase of Flowers will be on sale at the 19th and 20th Century Paintings, Drawings and Sculpture sale. The estimated value is $50,000 to $70,000.**



**Cartier's gem-set butterfly brooch has an estimated value of $6000 to $8000.**

## Annual event

With the success of that first sale, Sotheby's sales of 19th and 20th Century Paintings, Drawings and Sculpture also became an annual event. This year's sale takes place at the Tel Aviv Hilton May 30th and, like all the sales, will be preceded by several days of public exhibition. Last year's sale attracted participants, as both consignors and purchasers, from North America, Europe, Australia and Japan.

With international interest in auctions of fine paintings in Israel established, Sotheby's decided to draw on Israel's well-known place in the international diamond industry with its first sale in this country of fine jewellery for the collector. With the importance of The Israel Diamond Exchange to the diamond and colored stone industry assuring the presence of worldwide dealers along with collectors, it is hoped that the sale that takes place on April 27 at the Tel Aviv Hilton will further strengthen the country's reputation in the art auction market.

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# Technion welcomes visitors

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
HAIFA —

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Visitors to the site may stroll around the 300 acre wooded campus which is populated by more than 8000 students and which contains many projects constructed with Canadian contributions.

**These projects include The Lady Davis Aeronautical and Mechanical Engineering Centre, the Bloomfield Graduate Centre for Studies in Industrial Management, the Canadian Chemistry building, the Canada Nuclear Engineering Institute and the D. Lou Harris - Canada Village, a complex of student residences containing 800 student dormitories.**

A multi-media slide show presents a chronicle of the technological achievements in Israel and the university's contributions since the Centre's founding in 1924.

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**Visitors to Israel can phone 04-210664 for additional information or special tours. Advance arrangements can be made for visits prior to leaving Canada by phoning the Canadian Technion Society at (416) 789-4545 in Toronto, and (514) 735-5541 in Montreal.**

# Bus and taxi journeys offer many challenges

By
PAULA VAN GELDER

Like so many before him, this visitor to Israel leaves a note in the Western Wall.

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — I've often wondered why people the world over pay good money to go on thrilling rides at amusement parks when for a mere fraction of the cost they can enjoy the same excitement in an Israeli bus or taxi.

No matter how long you plan to be in the Holy Land, the necessity of getting from one spot to another or dragging several kilos of groceries from store to home will make reliance on on some sort of public transport inevitable.

Bus rides and taxi journeys are equally thrilling, yet each has its individual distinctive qualities and ambience, so that comparison of the two is not really fair.

The challenge of the bus journey begins even before you board. As you join the writhing, jostling masses pushing to be first in line, you may get some idea of what awaits you. The only advantage of getting on early that I can think of is getting a seat. In general, people give up their seats only for other riders who are clearly over 96 years old or in their last two days of pregnancy.

**As not all buses are air-conditioned, the crush of massed bodies inside can make a bus ride moderately to severely uncomfortable. During one particularly hot spell in the winter, one well-meaning passenger tried to open a window to let a little air in. A middle-aged woman in the crowd adamantly refused to allow him this privilege, pointing out that "but this is February," even if it happened to be 30°C outside.**

The driver's attire and on-board entertainment are as informal as the decor. Don't be shocked by your first glimpse of a driver decked out in shorts, undershirt and sandals. After all, it's hot for him, too.

Entertainment during your journey may be provided by either the driver's bored kids who are spending the vacation cooped up on daddy's bus, or more usually by some music program on Israel Radio that happens to suit the driver's fancy. I shall forever associate Frank Sinatra's version of Love and Marriage with a particular stretch of grazing land outside of Rehovot.

Once a big, lumbering bus gets going with a noisy shift of gears, its maneuverability and speed will amaze you. One never fails to be awed by the fact that narrow byways dating from the Ottoman Empire and meant to be traversed by donkeys are driven down at 100k by some nonchalant Egged bus driver.

The speed on a thoroughfare is one thing, but rounding curves is another. There is one narrow alleyway in Jerusalem's Old City that is just barely wide enough to accommodate one camel.

**For some reason, it is at just this point in the route that bus drivers traditionally gun their engines and proceed at full speed. You wait for the sound of metal scraping cobblestone, and miraculously this does not occur — usually, anyhow. Veteran pedestrians in the vicinity quickly learn at the first sound of a diesel engine to flatten themselves against the walls of adjacent buildings and suck in those protruding pot bellies.**

It's a toss up as to who is worse off — the pedestrian or the bus passenger who's trying to tote his shopping home. Passengers' cargoes in Israel have more character and originality than those found elsewhere, I think. Where else might you be sitting behind two live chickens who are on their way home to that Great Pot of Broth in the sky, or sit beside a woman lugging two enormous plastic baskets filled with kilos of melons that inevitably roll to the back of the bus at every abrupt stop?

Incidentally, you would do well never to step to the rear of the bus unless you possess a strong stomach and/or thick-soled shoes. The decor that awaits you there is more than likely to be wall-to-wall sunflower seed shells, in varying degrees of decay.

Actually, treading on them isn't so bad. It's catching one in the face from a careless spitter that some may find mildly disagreeable.

Bus stops seem to be much further apart in Israel than in other parts of the world. One false pull on the "stop" cord and it's a 3-block uphill walk, with two kilos of fruit on either arm for ballast! In urban areas, at least, stops are readily identifiable.

Once one ventures into rural communities, the situation is not so simple — you may find yourself at the intersection of haystack and orange grove, with only a sign vaguely pointing out a village's direction to guide you.

**When you take a sherut (communal taxi shared by five or six people), you will not be subject to many of the inconveniences faced by bus passengers. Sherut rides are, however, fraught with other unexpected dangers.**

**You are at the mercy of any number of drivers who fancy themselves a combination of Steve McQueen and Mario Andretti. If there is anything on the road in front of them, they consider it a personal insult, and their honor is upheld only by overtaking the offending vehicle, preferably on a hilly curve at night.**

Beware of 3-lane highways. Some drivers believe that the middle lane is for through traffic. Also beware of drivers whose dashboards are decorated with buckskin fringes and whose rearview mirrors have assorted chatchkes hanging from them.

Never tell a driver to slow down or drive more carefully. He will consider this a challenge and proceed to increase his speed, honk his horn and pass the next three cars.

The only possible way to slow down is to wave either your doctor's certificate attesting to your heart condition or a $20 bill under his nose and beg for mercy.

Since sherut fares are pre-set and prepaid, there is no need to tip the driver at the end of the journey. Thus, the only fitting ceremony to mark the end of your trip might be that which has been practiced by generations of devout pilgrims to the Holy Land. With hands outstretched before you, slowly lower yourself to your knees, then bend forward to kiss the ground — with feeling.

# *Technion tour is slated for fall*

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO — An exciting tour of Israel being organized by the Canadian Technion Society is scheduled to take place Oct. 18 to 30.

The tour will concentrate on the recent technological and scientific developments in Israel.

The 13-day tour includes stays in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Eilat and a kibbutz. One highlight of the tour is an in-depth visit to Technion - Israeli Institute of Technology that will include meetings with top administration, academic staff and students as well as laboratory demonstrations.

**On route to Tel Aviv, participants will have the chance to visit the Merkava Tank assembly plant and the Israeli Aviation Industry.**

In Tel Aviv, after a visit to the Museum of the Diaspora, a dinner will be held at the Hilton Hotel which will be attended by a number of leading Israeli industrialists and developers. Meetings have also been arranged with high ranking officials who will address the group on economic, security and scientific developments.

The day of Simchat Torah will be spent in Jerusalem, enabling the group to attend a synagogue and celebrate the festival in true Israeli style.

**The final three days of the tour will be spent at the Eilat's King Solomon Hotel, where the group will have the chance to do some sightseeing.**

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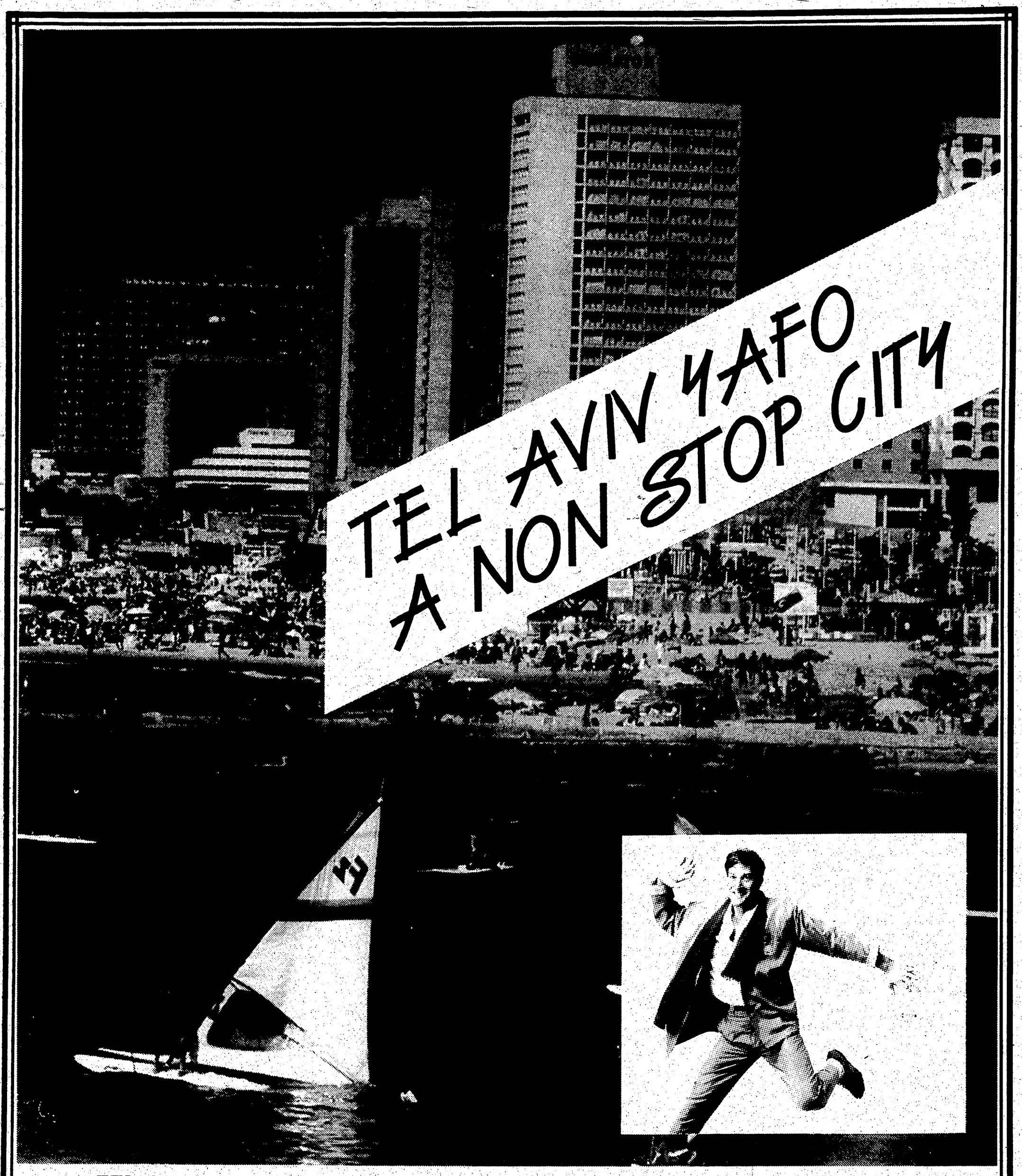


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